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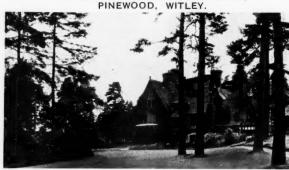
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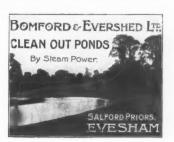
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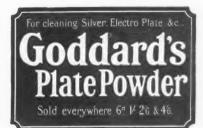
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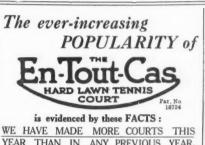
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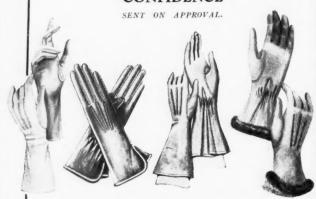
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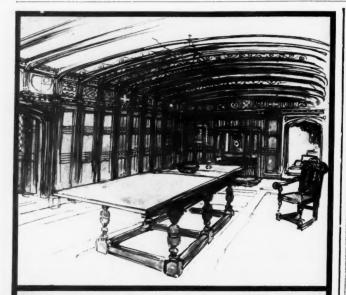
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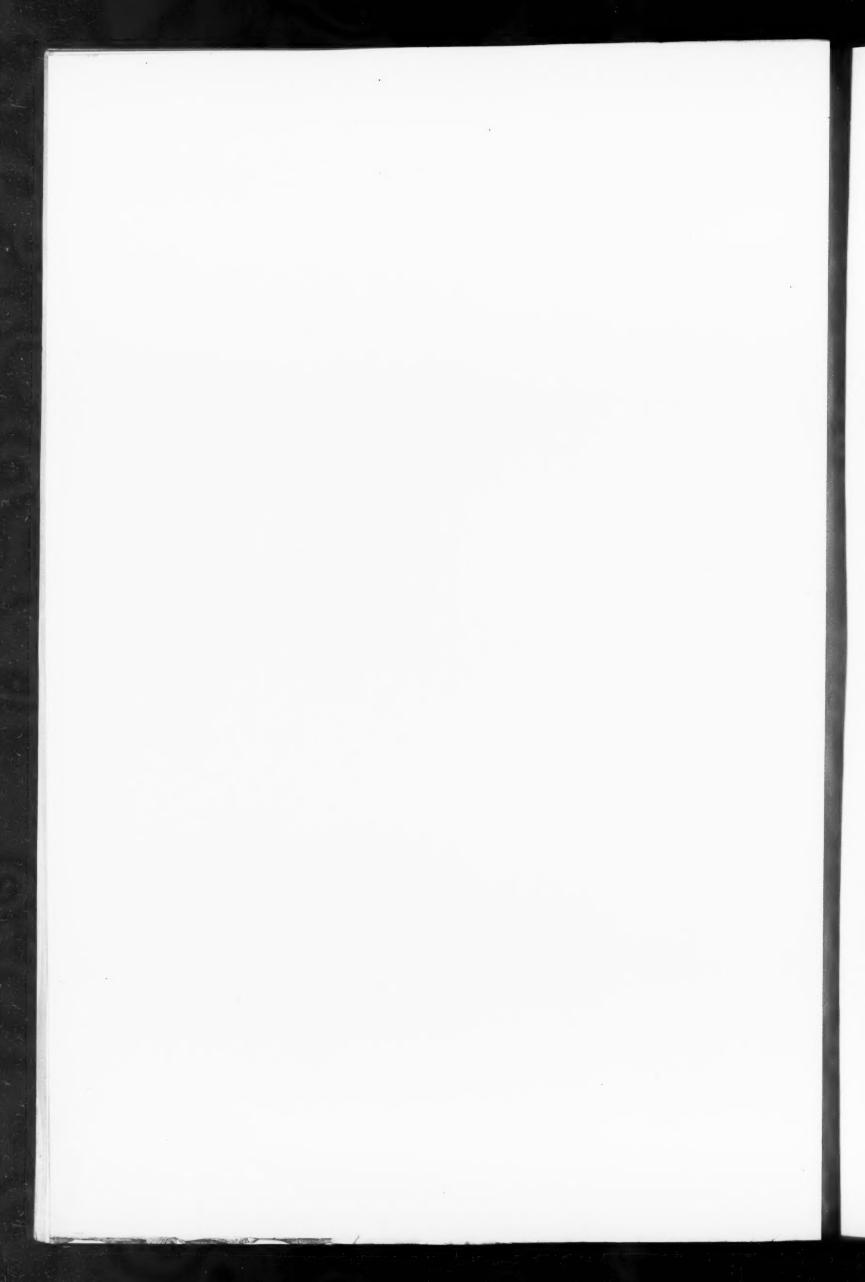
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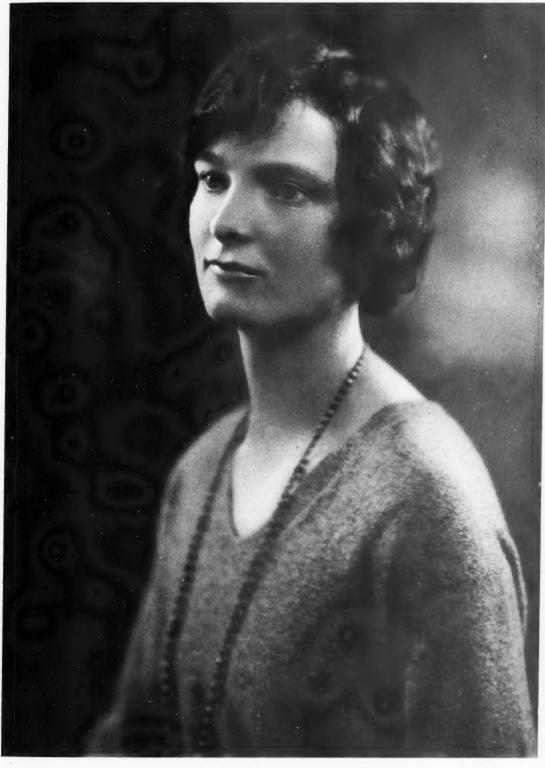
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OUR DAILY WINE

NCE more the wine grape has had its harvest home, and once more the experts are contradicting one another as to its quality. does not mean that the experts are humbugs.
Vintage reports are half-chronicle, half-prophecy. In talking about the 1925 strawberries or of the 1925 partridges we are on firm ground, because we have attentively consumed these dainties, and there is no further evidence to be called, for or against them. But the juices pressed from the 1925 grapes will not be available as wine until the year 1927, except in the case of vins ordinaires for local use, which are without importance for the English buyer. Indeed, we must wait for the nineteen-thirties and even for the nineteen-forties or fifties before some of the wines grown in the nineteen-twenties can be at This involves what an inelegant writer has their best. lately called "a certain amount of uncertainty." proverbial slips 'twixt the cup and the lip are as nothing to the slips that occur between the original cluster of grapes and the ultimate decanter. We can no more predict with confidence the future state of a 1925 wine than that of a 1925 baby.

Just now the anxieties of wine growers turn less on supply than on demand. Their cellars, though forlorn in contrast with the years before the war, have been so replenished that there is plenty of good wine to go round. The trouble is that the rising generation will not take their wine seriously. On the one hand, the cigarette and the cocktail are vitiating palates; and, on the other,

motor cars are emptying purses. One cannot afford everything; and wine is one of the items most easy to strike out of a contemporary budget. To be worth all it costs, it requires more leisure and wholemindedness than the younger people are willing to give it. Tell them that they must fix their choice between a fine claret and a cigarette, making it plain that they cannot appreciate both at once, and they will almost certainly plump for the cigarette. Moreover, the short-sighted and unfair policy of restaurateurs and innkeepers in pricing wine unduly high is doing deadly hurt to wine in what ought to be the house of its friends. When one bottle of champagne costs as much as two or three hundred cigarettes, a man often decides that he will pass the champagne. Worse still, he passes the light and natural red and white wines, which, though much cheaper than champagne, are still too dear. In the long run, he imbibes as much alcohol as before through his cocktail and his whisky and soda, and he spends as much money. Meanwhile, he has excommunicated himself from a great tradition.

Few of us understand how vitally wine has been wrought into the tissues of our higher civilisation. We talk about the butler without remembering that he owes his pride of place to the fact that he used to be, first and foremost, the Master of the Bottles, whose honourable and sacred duty it was to put the claret and port and sherry into bottles as well as to pour these liquids out again in the fullness of time. We eat and partly enjoy the finest dishes of classical cookery without understanding that those great composers whom we call chefs took it for granted that their masterpieces would be rendered to an accompaniment of fine wines sagely chosen. The very sizes and shapes of our dining-tables and sideboards would be irrational if there were no such things as wine glasses and decanters in all their abundance and variety. Many a modern hostess beams with satisfaction at her lights and flowers and porcelain and silver on a ceremonious occasion, while she recalls with complacency the names of the elaborate dishes which furnish the menu. But when her wines are poor stuff, or good growths wrongly chosen, or—as happens quite often nowadays—insufficient in quantity, her feast is like a performance of "Die Meistersinger" with a piano or gramophone doing duty for the orchestra. If she had eyes to pierce under the gay trappings of her banquet, she would behold with horror a thing like one-half of the Siamese twins-a thing hacked away from its immemorial and vital partner. The best dinner in the world is, after all, only a sublimation of bread and

Of course, we grant that twentieth century Britons cannot be expected to go on buying and serving wine merely because its use is traditional. If some inspired revolutionary were to sweep away our conventional dietary and to put something indisputably better in its place, we should be fools to reject his evangel simply because our acceptance of it would turn our French cookery books into curiosities of literature and make our cut-glass flagons mere specimens for historical museums. Here and there we find earnest persons who say that the old kitchens and cellars have already been found out and that a new day has dawned for all who do not shut their eyes tight against its radiance. But, when we examine these pretensions, we find mighty little performance. The goods, under the labels of extra health and happiness, are not delivered. Old-fashioned food and drink, refined by modern cleanliness, still produce the soundest minds in the soundest bodies.

Our Frontispiece

OUR frontispiece this week is a portrait of the Hon. Peggy Coventry, whose engagement to Mr. Eustace Benyon Hoare, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Hoare, has recently been announced. Miss Coventry is the younger daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Deerhurst, and a granddaughter of the Earl and Countess of Coventry.

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HE appointment of Mr. Edward Wood to the Viceroyalty and Governor-Generalship of India has been hailed in almost every quarter as a sound, if somewhat surprising, appointment. Agriculturists will, naturally, regard with some misgiving his departure from the Board, for he has not only shown that he sympathised with and understood the troubles of the landowner and farmer, but has exhibited remarkable energy in searching for real solutions of our agricultural problems. And it must not be forgotten that we owe Lord Bledisloe's presence on the Board very largely to his personal friendship with Mr. Wood. It is advisable, we suppose, that the new President should be in the Commons, and Mr. Walter Guinness has been suggested for the post. It would certainly be an excellent thing that Mr. Wood's successor should be, like himself, the member for an agricultural constituency, and should possess such undoubted ability, as does Mr. Guinness, for grappling with financial and economic problems.

THE "Bridge-builders" pursue their tireless and thankless work, and have at last solved the chief military problem of the North-west Frontier. The opening of a new railway through the Khyber Pass means a complete revolution in the military problem to be faced. The Afghan can henceforward be met on equal terms at his own end of the Pass, and will never again be allowed to debouch into the Peshawar Valley. The old troubles of Landi Kotal are solved now that the railway can run stores through the Pass, and evacuate sick and wounded through the burning lower defiles to Jamrud and Peshawar. It is a wonderful feat of engineering, which may solve problems less directly military. The trade which flows along the railway is bound to lead to better relations between the peoples whom the Khyber separates.

"LAUGHTER," wrote the late A. Clutton Brock, in a little book of essays just published, "when it is real, is always in the last resort against ourselves. In the very confession that we are ridiculous there is something both purifying and creative." And from the Humour Exhibition at the Spring Gardens Gallery—organised to assist King Edward's Hospital Fund—the visitor comes away twice blest. He has contributed his mite for the voluntary hospital system, and inevitably his own mind has been purified. For, in this collection of drawings, the product of two centuries of humorous observation, he sees his own failings and misfortunes common to all men and all ages. The Devil, who never fails to remind us that our case is quite exceptional, is thus again put to flight for a season. This cleansing power of laughing at ourselves, though, has not always been so widespread as to-day. The Greeks all knew it, but only the greatest Romans had it. In our own epoch the Elizabethans

could laugh hugely, but the seventeenth century associated laughter with blasphemy. In the eighteenth century Fielding and Hogarth (represented here by some drawings) taught England how to laugh at itself, as Voltaire, according to Mr. Clutton Brock, taught the Almighty Himself. Savage as some of Dance and Rowlandson's drawings are (admirably selected for the Exhibition from the King's and other collections), the spectator should associate himself with the characters discomfited in the pictures. To-day it is less vice that we ridicule than the worries and minor misfortunes of life, and in this habit the rich collection of Punch drawings is particularly stimulating. The little book is called "Essays on Life," and all who admit the value of laughter should read it as well as visit the exhibition.

WE are glad to note that a movement is on foot to secure better treatment for ghosts, and to obtain some relaxation of the harassing restrictions by which their free circulation is at present hindered. Mr. Walter de la Mare has, we understand, interested himself in the cause of these unhappy creatures and is opening a campaign in the provinces on their behalf. Most of us-gross creatures of flesh and blood—shudder at the idea of contact with them, even while we "don't believe they exist." Mr. de la Mare thinks this unsympathetic attitude most profoundly unkind. The ghost has an amazing history. For ages he has haunted the world's poetry, its religion, its legends and its dreams, and nowadays, says Mr. de la Mare, "even science keeps a candle in its window to call the wanderer home." And with what contumely is the poor misguided creature treated when he is so unwise as to return! When a ghost is impelled to revisit us, how we humiliate him! He must call upon Professor Knowall, F.R.S., and make himself agreeable to Mr. Gigadibs of the *Daily Press*! His passport must be signed by the clergyman and witnessed by the gardener and the cook. And why? asks Mr. de la Mare. Let us leave the poor nocturnal, noiseless, solitary things alone and remember that "most of us depart out of this life like children leaving an unhappy school." There seems need here for sympathy rather than for harsh and bureaucratic methods.

IN A NURSING HOME.

When I was ill I lay quite near the sky, And watched the London traffic drifting by:

And all the misty figures come and go Across Hyde Park—in the sun's afterglow:

And saw my flowers sway against the light That filtered through the curtains gold and bright.

And dreamed my vagrant dreams, and murmured low Enchanted Legends of the Long Ago.

Knowing my light and wingèd dreams were sent By some sweet god to soothe my banishment.

ELEANOUR NORTON.

WITH Rugby football now in full swing there is a steadily increasing interest in the doings of the two University sides, since their meeting at the end of this term is the first really outstanding clash of the year. As usual, both are taking some time to settle down. Oxford ought to be extremely strong, even though they have lost some of their almost embarrassing richness in the matter of three-They have still left Jacob, Raymond and Wallace, quarters. although the last has been kept out of the side by mishaps, and Raymond will be able to play in his proper place, since an invaluable freshman has arrived in Drysdale, the Scottish full-back. It is interesting, by the way, to observe, as a sign of the spreading of Rugby, that there is one Etonian, Landale, among the forwards, and another, Caccia, has been tried behind the scrummage, although he is, probably, still a little too raw at the game. Cambridge seem at a perpetual disadvantage through receiving no regular supply of overseas players in the form of Rhodes scholars. They are a good pack of forwards, as they showed against the London Scottish, one very fast wing in Devitt and possibly another in Rowe Harding, if he be fit to play. From Saturday's match it would seem that they are getting into their

stride, and they may well be a really good team by the time Twickenham comes round.

AN average booking of ninety-eight per cent. of full capacity would have covered the expenses of the last grand opera season at Covent Garden, but only seventyeight per cent. was obtained, so that the syndicate suffered considerable loss. Yet the bookings largely exceeded those of the previous season, and the syndicate are gallantly preparing another for next spring. A most interesting diagram has been made out showing the relative popularity, costliness and financial results of each opera. In popularity, "Tosca," "Rosenkavalier" and "Meistersinger" head the list, "Butterfly" and "Fliegende Hollander," being at the bottom. As "Rosenkavalier" is the most costly to produce, it comes among the worst losses in the financial results column. "Tosca," being economical, is the most remunerative, while "Butterfly," even though poorly attended, was the third least unprofitable production. Further figures show that, although the bookings for Italian opera increased by eighty per cent., as against a thirty per cent. increase for German, the average booking for German was still seven and a half per cent. better than that for the Italian. The deductions to be drawn are not very palatable; the most ambitious operas, musically, are the most unprofitable. A complete season of works as expensive as the late Wagnerian operas and "Rosenkavalier" would show late Wagnerian operas and "Rosenkavalier" would show a loss, even if every available seat was sold every time. At present the gallery is the most nearly full (ninety-eight per cent. of capacity), the boxes the emptiest (fifty-eight per cent.). But if ninety-three per cent. of boxes and stalls were sold and other bookings remained unchanged, expenses would be covered. These figures show exactly what the syndicate are facing, and what we, the public, have got to do if we really want to have an opera.

AT the end of this week the Oxford University Golf Club celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. On Friday two of its most distinguished members, Sir Ernest Holderness and Mr. Tolley, will take part in a four-ball match with the present captain, Mr. Cave, and a worthy representative of Cambridge in Mr. Storey. On Saturday there will be a competition in which a variety of other eminent persons will play. The world of golf should be grateful to Oxford if only because it produced the classic definition of " putting little balls into little holes with instruments very ill adapted to the purpose." Its author was Mr. Horace Hutchinson's tutor, who had lately been introduced to the game by his illustrious pupil. Mr. Hutchinson himself was the first of a long line of fine golfers who have played for Oxford, beginning with his contemporary, Mr. Alexander Stuart, and continuing, to mention but a few, with Mr. J. B. Pease, the brothers Guy and Humphrey Ellis, the late Mr. J. A. T. Bramston (than whom none was more brilliant), Mr. J. L. Humphreys, Mr. Hooman, and so on to Sir Ernest Holderness, Mr. Tolley and Mr. Wethered. these were almost, if not quite, at their best in their undergraduate days, whereas the best Cambridge golfers have nearly all matured more slowly, and came to their best in later years. In its fifty years the club has had several homes—Cowley, Headington, Hinksey, Radley, and now that which is very distinctly the best of all, Southfield. University golf is connected chiefly with mud in the minds of those who played it, but Southfield should largely remove that reproach.

ALTHOUGH the present outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease is sufficiently serious to make stock-breeders uncomfortable, it is by no means as black as the outbreak extending over the winter of 1923 to 1924. In the December of that winter there were 302 cases in one week, whereas since September 25th some sixty-five cases have occurred, making it necessary to slaughter 1,490 cattle, 720 sheep, 702 pigs and 7 goats, the gross compensation payable being estimated at £51,100. Mr. Wood, the Minister of Agriculture, made it plain at the meeting of the Council of Agriculture last week that frequent and damaging invasions of this disease were probably inevitable by reason of our close proximity to the Continent, where the disease

is rife. Thus, no fewer than 50,000 farms have been infected this year in Denmark, while 7,000 farms were infected in each month of July and August in Holland. It is, however, satisfactory to note that the Ministry of Agriculture are now well organised to deal with this problem. The attitude taken up by well informed agriculturists is that insufficient precautions are taken to prevent the importation of the disease. It is puzzling that in pre-war years, and even during the war, outbreaks were more remote and less serious than those which now occur. There is a feeling that the use of hay and straw for packing imported goods, shrubs and rose trees should be prohibited.

THE collection of British birds, eggs and mammals formed by the late Sir Vauncey Harpur Crewe of Calke Abbey, Derbyshire, which will be offered for sale at Messrs. Stevens' Auction Rooms, King Street, Covent Garden, on Monday next and succeeding days, is of peculiar interest. No other private collection can surpass it. Perhaps, however, this is, in part, due to the fact that the collecting of stuffed birds as a hobby died a natural death many years ago. Sportsmen and naturalists alike nowadays prefer, very properly, the pleasure of leaving rare birds to breed and increase rather than that of gazing upon their defunct and glass-eyed remains embalmed in glass cases. The sale of the Crewe collection marks the end of an epoch.

THE GIPSY LASS.

The road I traivel's no' for ye,
Sandy, Sandy,

The weird that's mine ye maunna dree,
Sandy dear my lad.

Ye maunna link yer life wi' shame

Nor think tae tak' into yer hame

A gipsy lass withoot a name,
Sandy dear my lad.

I couldna thole a hoose o' stane,
Sandy, Sandy,
For me, the brackens up the lane,
Sandy dear my lad.
Yer een sae bonny blue an' clear
Wad loss their cheery look, I fear,
Afore we had been wed a year,
Sandy dear my lad.

An' tho' I lo'e ye weel the noo,
Sandy, Sandy,
I doot I'd gi'e ye cause tae rue,
Sandy dear my lad.
Sae gang yer ways. They'll ne'er be mine,
For you an' me that kissed maun twine,
(But Oh! I'm wae my lad tae tine,
Sandy dear my lad!)

H. B. 6

THE new Wild Birds Protection Bill, which comes up for second reading on November 16th, although an admirable piece of legislation in principle, is open to severe criticism in one or two matters of detail. The protection of our indigenous rare birds is a measure which all thinking people will support unhesitatingly, but we fail to see how that end will be served by prohibiting the importation of birds for sport. This means that Hungarian partridges, which have been extensively imported in the past to supplement stocks on English manors, will now be unobtainable. As English partridges are decreasing yearly, such a prohibition will defeat the purpose of the Bill of which it is a part. Clearly, too, any wealthy and philanthropic ornithologists who wish in future to seek to acclimatise foreign game birds, such as the Virginian colin, or to re-introduce lost British species, such as the bustard, will be unable to do so. Lord Iveagh's experiment with the bustard was a failure, but that is no reason why a future attempt should not be made. Furthermore, the Bill seeks to prohibit the use of motor boats for wildfowling-often necessary in tidal currents-yet says nothing of duck decoys and traps, of which over a score still exist, some with a yearly average bag of over 1,500 birds each. It is probable that it will be contested through the medium of the London branch of the Wildfowlers'

ASHRIDGE IN AUTUMN

S so often happens in southern England, with its diminishing forests and its changing areas of cultivation, one of the most interesting things about Ashridge is its now completely inappropriate name. There are hundreds of other instances. Fowlmere, in Cambridgeshire, was also named from its chief natural feature, but it was so effectively dispossessed during Tudor times both of its mere and its wildfowl by a simple (though inefficient) system of drainage, that when, in the eighteenth century, its turnpike road began to show signs of submersion, it quite naturally and permanently adopted the style and title of Foulmire. As for Ashridge, it has long ago lost its Ashes. It forms the core and summit of an almost rectangular wedge of the Chilterns, a great chalk mass, in fact, sloping gradually back from the escarpment of Ivinghoe and squeezed eventually to a point by the converging valleys of the delightful Gade and the once delightful Bulbourn.

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When it got its name it was a ridge covered with ash trees. It must have been conspicuous enough both from east and west. To the west its ashes topped a fragment of the ridge which runs across England from Lyme Regis to mid-Norfolk. That ridge carried a trackway which is probably the oldest organised road in northern Europe. Along it our remote forefathers travelled from the Atlantic to the borders of the North Sea, avoiding—except at Streatley—all serious river crossings and all low-lying and swampy ground, and at points along the route they could diverge to north and south along similar trails. On the Chilterns and farther north, the Ridgeway, being moderately direct and on sound engineering lines, was taken over by the Romans, and turned into a real paved road. The Icknield Way, as it was named by our earliest antiquaries, is completely

Romanised in the Ashridge section. It spans the base of the Ashridge wedge, and from it we may look down, as did our ancestors of old, over the blue distances of the vale of Aylesbury, once a trackless swamp, and now—or, at least, 'n Drayton's time—a wealthy and healthy valley.

Aylesbury Vale that walloweth in her wealth, And (by her wholesome air, continually in health), Is lusty, fine and fat.

Perhaps the less said the better of the rapidly decaying "Gothic" mansion (built by Wyatt at the beginning of last century) which shelters in the woods of Ashridge. But it had predecessors more in keeping with the spirit of its surroundings; the villa of a Roman-British notable; the "College of Bonhommes" founded by Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, in 1283—a religious house which subsequently became in turn the Royal residence of the Princess Elizabeth and the mansion of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgwater. And, though the present house has little to commend it, the spirit of England's storied past lurks in the woods and glades of Ashridge as certainly to-day as when Elizabeth Tudor pastured her deer in them.

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To the east, Ashridge looks down her two confluent valleys across the beech woods of Hertfordshire. In the old days the dull grey-green of the ashes must have stood out in clear relief above the shimmering tops of the beech trees. But since then the ashes have gone; nowadays it is the beech which makes the skyline from whichever direction you look. Ashridge Park itself, round which discussion rages to-day, has, of course, many other trees. Both Egertons and Custs have supplemented the indigenous and ever-present beech with other English growths. There are few exotics, and no conifers but a moderate number of



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THE SMOOTH STRAIGHT BOLE OF THE BEECH.



THE GOLDEN VALLEY.

Scots firs, and an occasional cedar. There are fine chestnuts and enormous horse chestnuts, some fine elms, wonderful limes and, among the ashes that remain, some of the largest to be seen in England. As for the beeches, the smooth, straight bole of the Queen beech is 135ft. in height and, though Her Majesty's head-dress is now rather draggled and damaged, she remains the finest example of her kind.

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Though this entire preponderance of English trees makes Ashridge one of the most typical wooded areas of south England, it deprives her, for a time in the summer, of that variety of line and colour which the varied forms and

textures of conifers and exotics have combined to produce in some other great parks. But go to Ashridge in autumn. All autumns are not like this, it is true, but Ashridge in any autumn has an unchallengeable beauty all her own. To-day you may wander through alleys of tall limes, carpeted with emerald velvet and a few golden leaves, into great glades across which masses of dark green and copper red or burnt umber are seen against the opalescent greyness of a hillside covered with grass and rain-wet bracken. The bracken is wonderful. Its russet tones fade into a sort of silver-pink between the vivid masses of the woods, as



THE LONG RIDE,

though the glades had taken on a sort of amethystine patina. Of course, there is no trimness about it all. It must be long since the park was properly "kept up." Trees straggle, some have fellen patches of woodland have been cut down and not replanted. But the air of decadence is in keeping with the season.

The woods decay, the woods decay and fall, The vapours weep their burthen to the ground.

And in the open glades and the long Ride down which you look from the Bridgewater $M\varepsilon$ morial at the castellated mass of Wyatt's Gothic mansion, you find a perfect riot of colour. The dull, dark green oaks reach out far across the Ride, so that you cannot even note the disappearance of that Gothic steeple, which was, to Wyatt's romantic eyes, the ecclesiastical counter-

part of the castle keep. Against the dull green oaks is thrown the orange-red of the beeches—still almost in full leaf—and the occasional yellow flame of a poplar. Here and there a group of chestnuts, dappled with sunlight, will give you a study in gold, the vividest of vivid greens and the rustiest of rusty browns, with which nothing in the Luxembourg can compare. And most delicate of all are the little copses of aspen, hardly a man's height, all shimmering in the sunlight and looking, from a distance as if they had been powdered with gold.

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Well, . . . winter will come and the autumn tints will fade. Meanwhile, let us hope that the National Trust may succeed in their appeal, and may secure for the nation one of the finest and most beautiful tracts of woodland in the south of England.

E. B.

THE EFFECT OF SMOKE ON PLANT LIFE

GOOD many, though perhaps not all, of those who are interested in horticulture and agriculture, realise the damage which is caused to the trees and plants throughout the country by lack of light, deposit of tarry matter on the leaves, and the pollution of the atmosphere with

on the leaves, and the pollution of the atmosphere with sulphur-dioxide, due to the presence of smoke in the atmosphere. The burning of coal, as usually conducted, pollutes the atmosphere in two ways—first, with the visible solid impurities or soot, and secondly, with the invisible sulphur-dioxide which results from the combustion of sulphur compounds present in the coal. The sulphur-dioxide slowly oxidises to sulphuric acid in the presence of moisture. Dew or rain will carry down in solution both sulphuric acid and sulphurous acid and deposit them on buildings, vegetation and soil. Coal smoke often affects the colour of flowers, and as a rule the greater the pollution, the paler the tint. The scarlet of the geranium in a smoke-infested area is often streaked with purple running to blue, while bronze coloured flowers will frequently change to yellow. According to Professor Cohen of Leeds, smoke from an industrial town will easily travel fifty miles or more, and as a proof of the distance light particles of soot are likely to travel, it is interesting to note that he has collected microscopic crystals of salt on glass plates on the outskirts of Leeds after a heavy

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In the centre of some industrial towns, such hardy evergreens as the laurel and rhododendron are actually deciduous; while even the box becomes deciduous, and the hardy laurel is killed in two years when growing in Hunslet, the heart of industrial Leeds. Three miles outside the town, privet flowers and is evergreen—two miles outside it still retains its leaves, but fails to flower, while in the industrial part of the town the leaves fall in November.

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Orchid growers near London usually their orchid houses once a year, but they do so in addition after every period of fog. During last winter they were compelled to do this four times, and as the work occupied their nursery hands one week each time, the cost was considerable. The deposit on the roofs was so sticky, owing to the presence of tar, that soda had to be added to the water used for washing. Last winter quite 50 per cent. of the choicest orchid blooms, including cattleyas and lælio-cattleyas, fell as a result of fog. The lack of light is also very detrimental to the health of the plants.

One firm now at Enfield recently told me that the fog drove them out of five acres of glass at Upper Clapton forty years ago, and it is now driving them out of a still larger area, as year after year they have to relinquish one section of plants after another because, after a severe spell of fog, the leaves, as well as the flowers, fall off many of the more tender plants. Last year this was particularly noticeable. To keep the glass clean it was necessary to use dry canvas to break the greasy surface after even a trifling fog, as otherwise the deposit set quite hard and would only flake off like slate.

As for grass, Mr. James McDonald of Harpenden, one of the greatest authorities on grass in the country, tells me that in his opinion, "fogs

and smoke have a distinctly harmful

influence on grass. Generally, they cause a slimy scum and create an acidity which destroys the useful nutrifying bacteria in the soil. This, in turn, induces a coarse growth of grass, and when rolling is done, as on tennis courts, weeds are produced at a rapid rate."

In a smoke-infested area the grass is coarse and poor in quality, and farmers find it difficult to provide adequate grazing for their cattle. This is a matter of considerable economic importance to the agriculturist. The acid present in the smoke lowers the nutritive value of the grass, with the result that the farmer is obliged to incur additional expense in the purchase of food stuffs for feeding his stock. The soil in these areas will also suffer loss of lime for the same reason, and, as the grass itself will be poor in this substance, the lime content of milk obtained from cows, feeding on pasture close to large towns, will tend to be lowered. Lime is essential to the well-being of young stock, and its absence in pastures near to towns accounts very largely for the difficulties which farmers experience in breeding sheep. Dr. Ruston has kindly sent me some very interesting notes bearing on this matter, in which he has called my attention to the high percentage of loss of lambs due to abortion in various parts of Yorkshire, where the ewes were feeding on grass damaged by smoke. Ewes fed on turnips were not affected, however.

A country fog is, of course, harmless to plants under glass, but when smoke is present great damage may be caused. In a letter I received from Dr. Arthur Hill, Director of Kew, he mentions that "The damage to indoor plants is most noticeable during a foggy period, one of the worst fogs experienced last winter caused practically all orchid flowers and unopened buds to fall in less than twenty-four hours, while leaves of begonias and other plants fell in large numbers. The bill for glass washing at Kew after a fog amounts to approximately £100. At all times a certain amount of injury is going on, as may be seen by the sooty deposits upon the leaves of outdoor plants in the summer months, but it is during the period from October to April that the most damage occurs. During that time the wood of outdoor plants becomes very dirty, while the deposit may be scraped from the leaves of certain evergreens. Some species



THE CITY'S PALL OF SMOKE.

suffer from the enervating effects of dirt more speedily than suffer from the enervating effects of dirt more speedily than others, species of abies and picea being, perhaps, the first to suffer among outdoor plants, but other conifers, Choisya ternata, and even laurels and hollies are enfeebled. During and after a period of moist fog, ink-like water may be seen dripping from the leaves and forming pools of dirty water on the paths."

The evils of smoke-pollution are made very clear by these

various facts; what remedies can be suggested and how can they be effected? Interest must be aroused in the subject so that be effected? Interest must be aroused in the subject so that the public can realise the urgent necessity for immediate action. There is no need to do away with all open fireplaces if smokeless solid fuel can be provided at the same cost as raw coal, though convenience and saving of labour are factors strongly favouring the displacement of crude coal by gas. All kitchen ranges should be replaced by gas cookers, and water should be heated by coke boilers or gas water-heaters. Electricity could provide power for running the railways; gas, electricity, and oil, power for industrial purposes. Gas mainly, but electricity in certain special cases, should meet the industrial needs where heat is required. required.

All this means progress and a cleaner, healthier country. It is time that horticulturists and agriculturists took a more active interest in a matter of such vital importance and helped to bring about this peaceful revolution. R. W. Ascroft.

COARSE FISH THAT ARE FIT TO EAT

AND HOW THEY MAY BE IMPROVED.

(Continued.)

T is a pity, as I said before, that most modern cooks should treat the so-called "coarse" fish with such contumely, for though some fresh-water fish are inedible, others, while not approaching the glory of their game brethren, are by no means to be despised. The eel, fat old vulgarian, has at least held its place in the esteem of gourmets and is no less popular with the people, but modern methods of transport have almost eliminated all other coarse fresh-water fish from the fishmonger's slab.

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Eels: Are well treated in any good cookery book, but there is a Belgian recipe which is simple and extraordinarily good. "Anguilles au Vert."—Skin your eels by cutting an incision round the neck, holding the head down with a two-pronged fork and stripping the skin away like a glove to the tail. Then slightly grill or roast, so that the oil comes out. Wipe down with a cloth. (This eliminates the sometimes too strong flavour and muddiness of eels.) Chop them in pieces about three inches long and add half the quantity of chopped sorrel, to which a liberal proportion of parsley, chervil, mint, and sage herbs have been added. Cook it all together with a piece of butter the size of a nut for about a quarter of an hour and fairly fast, then add a wine glassful of white wine or a sparing dash of lemon add a wine glassful of white wine or a sparing dash of lemon

In general, eels should be cooked in a "court bouillon" of white wine, bay leaf, onion, carrot and clove and chopped parsley. White wine, bay leat, onion, carrot and clove and chopped parsiey. If desired they can be served like this as plain stewed eel or they can be set aside, cooled, egg and bread-crumbed, fried and served with a Tartare sauce. Cold jellied eel set in a white-wine jelly of its own juice is ideal. Should the supply of eels be inadequate and difficulty be experienced in getting a sauce thick enough to set, it can be reinforced with isinglass, not gelatine, or by fish stock made of other fish. When in doubt whether the eels may be muddy, let them soak in salt water for a day and change the water several times

Flounders: Should not be opened and cleaned, but have the whole of the part where the insides were cut clear away. They are cooked simply by frying slowly in a pan with butter, salt and a trace of lemon. Or can be simply baked with a little butter and a few rings of onion previously just covered in the pan. They render a juice of their own which when seasoned and thickened with a little flour makes an adequate sauce. flounders should be marinaded for an hour or two before cooking.

Grayling: This fish is very pleasant, and, though not ranking with trout, can be cooked in any manner as trout. It has, when fresh, a pleasant taste of thyme, or some say cucumber, like the smelt, and is at its best broiled or grilled.

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Gudgeon: A most worthy little fish. Simply gut, wash, roll in flour and cast into a hot, very hot, fry. Pile in a pyramid, sprinkle with a little chopped parsley and serve very hot and swiftly. Salt and a sprinkling of pepper should be dusted in while the frying is in progress. Serve with lemon.

Loach: As gudgeon, but do not clean.

Lamprey: Treat like stewed eel, but scald in boiling water before skinning. Is eaten sometimes with prunes cooked in the bouillon in which it is stewed. It is a rare dish and possesses pathetic historic associations.

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Perch: Are excellent eating, either plain, fried, boiled or baked, but they are really worth doing a little more elaborately.

One way is to clean, scale, then cut gashes in the side like a grilled herring. Salt and pepper him, then set in a thickly buttered dish and pour in about an inch of fish bouillon, with a glass of white wine. Baste him with this often and cook him quickly. Serve with a sauce Colbert, which is simply made by melting a spoonful of meat glaze or Leibig in a small saucepan Add a dash of lemon juice and a little chopped parsley.

The Dutch serve perch with a sauce called "Waterfisch," which is excellent with all boiled or baked coarse fish. A 3in.

carrot, some parsley *root* and a large leek are chopped very fine, then just allowed to take colour in a little butter, a teaspoonful of flour is added after it has been creamed with a little of the juice or gravy of the fish. This is stirred in to produce a "roux," then two dessertspoonfuls of butter and the juice of a lemon are stirred in

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A variant of this, in which cream is substituted for butter at the last stage, is used in Belgium.

Perch Maître d'Hôtel, that is split, not scaled, grilled and dressed with butter and chopped parsley before coming to the table, is simple and good. For fried perch do not scale, but simply skin out the fish, cutting off head, tail, etc., but dry well before

frying.

Pike and Jack: There is a wide diversity of opinion whether pike are worth eating or not, and there is no doubt that his looks pike are worth eating or not, and there is no doubt that his looks pike are worth as a polyad so that they are are against him. Pike can, however, be cooked so that they are really excellent and worth the trouble taken, but there is little to be said for them if they are large and in poor condition. A four to five pound fish is not too large, but the older warriors are dry and tough.

The pike, like the perch, needs liquid and butter to sup ment his scant supply of natural juices and the liquid should be made from fish stock. A good plan is to make this essential from small odd fish, roach, etc., which can, as a rule, be caught in the same water

The angler landing a suitable pike should decide at once whether he means to eat him or not, for the fish, if meant for the table, should be cut at the gills and the tail immediately

the table, should be cut at the gills and the tail immediately after it has been knocked on the head, then immediately gutted and allowed to bleed as much as possible, a proceeding which eliminates much of the sharp, reedy flavour.

The simplest way of cooking pike is to boil them in salted water, although a "court bouillon" of water, sliced onion, herbs, peppercerns and either white wine or a little white-wine vinegar is far better. A boiled pike may be served with a plain parsley or run butter sauce, or caper sauce or the Waterfisch sauce (see perch), but it is preferable to let him get cold and break up the flesh in flakes so that they may be made into fish balls or fish pie. The flesh is hard, firm and white and is admirable for this purpose. Disguised in this way pike will be applauded by people who would be horrified if they knew it was pike.

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and it cannot be denied that the pike is not an attractive dish to the eye, but also because when you have cut fillets off him, the remains can be rapidly stewed up to form a fish bouillon or gravy as a basis for the sauce with which you eat the fillets.

To proceed, cut your fillets, stew the remains for an hour with a sliced onion or shallots, spices, herbs and lemon, reduce, then add butter and flour and a dash of anchovy, stirring the whole to a cream sauce. Harveys or Worcester may be sparingly added if desired, but it is not wise to make the sauce too piquant unless doubt is felt that the pike is too fishy in flavour. Egg and breadcrumb the fillets, get the frying mixture very hot and fry quickly till properly browned.

Baked Pike: Stuffed with duck stuffing and served with the above sauce (but made from another fish or fish remains), is also excellent, but the pike must be liberally and repeatedly basted with butter while baking, for he is by nature a dry-fleshed fish.

Small pike or jack should be split like a mackerel, decapitated and laid, skin downward, in a buttered baking dish. Cover with run butter and add chopped mushrooms and a little fish

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The French hold that pike roe is a deadly poison, a point that should be remembered in the case of a late caught pike in an early season. From late July to mid-January pike may be deemed to be in season and are possibly at their best in the first November frosts. They spawn early in April and should be regarded as out of season for at least a month before they legally

Roach and Rudd: Are inedible, because their myriad small bones defeat the most hardened ichthyophagist. Very small roach, caught by very small boys, may be boiled in a pie dish with vinegar, peppercorns, onions, etc., and served cold as a breakfast side dish—but only the small boy should be obliged

to eat them.

Tench: If kept in running water to scour, are very good.

They should be scalded in any case and if they have not been they should be scatted in any case and if they have not been scoured, scalding in almost boiling water will remove a deal of the evil flavour. Cooking is on the same lines as the recipes for eels, but they can be baked, fried in butter or even boiled. A strong sauce is necessary in the latter case.

HUGH POLLARD.

LORD DEWAR'S SEALYHAMS



FOUR PRETTY LADIES ALL IN A ROW.

FOUR PRETTY LAD

OMEONE, endeavouring to epitomise a belief into an aphorism, once paraphrased an old saw in my hearing:
"Take care of the dams and the sires will take care of themselves." Whereupon a discussion followed concerning the influence of the respective sexes upon successful animal breeding. There is not much doubt about the importance of a stud being strong in matrons; not necessarily that the female line of blood determines the character of the progeny more surely than that of the male, but that a choice of sires is usually almost unlimited. To anyone about to found a kennel I would say: "Select your bitches with the utmost discretion, studying their pedigrees with care, and satisfying yourself that their constitutions are robust." How they are to be mated is a problem that will have to be tackled later on. That is not as simple as it seems, considering the queer tricks that are played by bygone influences of which we may have no cognisance.

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Of their great sires, and most their sires disgrace is as true to-day as when "The Odyssey" was written. We cannot take the attitude of thinking it indispensable that Mr. Micawber should be on the spot in case of anything turning up. Nor can we act upon the chuckit-and-chance-it principle of assuming that the famous prize-winner is the most likely to transmit his qualities because he happens to be superior to the rest. Were this so, the art of breeding, being reduced to a commonplace, would be deprived of all interest, and dog showing, instead of becoming intensified

ing, being reduced to a commonplace, would be deprived of all interest, and dog showing, instead of becoming intensified each year, as at present, would die of galloping consumption. I should be writing of the decline and fall, rather than the increase, of an engrossing pursuit.

The first thing, however, is to get the matrons, the value of which could be illustrated by innumerable examples. Two conspicuous ones may be mentioned to emphasise my argument. The Duchess of Newcastle's kennel of wirehaired fox-terriers owes its inception to a brace of bitches which did not cost more than a fiver apiece. Lord Dewar's Sealyhams, that form the models of this week's illustrations, sprang from Portfield Primula, purchased in 1920. I do not suppose she was cheap, as she was soon made a champion; but, on the other hand, she could not have been very dear at any price. She has retained her form well, except that time has made her somewhat matronly, and when I renewed my acquaintance with her at The Homestall, East Grinstead, it was apparent that she could not repeat her performance of winning a cup for the best Sealyham in the show under 18lb.!

Although Lord Dewar first became interested in Sealyhams Although Lord Dewar hirst became interested in Sealynams about 1915, he had to defer his intention of starting a kennel until the war was over. The arrival of Portfield Primula, therefore, marks the beginning of a strain that was soon in the first flight. The bitch has turned out to be a treasure, all the leading inmates of the kennels being descended from her. Homestall Drama, dam of Ch. Homestall Dod, was in her first litter. stall Drama, dam of Ch. Homestall Dod, was in her first litter. In her second came Homestall Doris, the mother of Ch. Homestall Diana, and at the third time of asking she produced Ch. Homestall Dictator. Dictator is the only Sealyham in the country that has been selected as the best dog present at a championship show; but the achievements of Homestall Diana, a daughter of Ch. Homestall Dod, are almost as noteworthy. At last year's show of the Kennel Club she was first of the sixty-four competitors in the Puppy Criterion; at the Metropolitan and Essex Canine Society's Show, a few weeks later, she was placed as the best of her sex in all breeds; and at Cruft's, in February, she won Spratt's 100-guinea Puppy Cup. As one of the three judges who gave her the Spratt's cup, I remember how much we were impressed by her merits. None of us knew the little lady, or whose property she was, but we were aware that she was something uncommonly pleasing.



T. Fall.

A PROFILE OF HOMESTALL DIOGENES.



CH. PORTFIELD PRIMULA.

A visit to The Homestall is a delightful experience for any lover of livestock. Amid ideal surroundings, a bewildering display of perfection engrosses the attention. The stock Sealyhams and puppies are there in charge of J. Steel, the greyhound trainer. In an honorary capacity, Mr. J. Howell-Jones of Warlingham undertakes the preparing and exhibiting of the show dogs, and the stud dogs are also with him. The greeting that meets Lord Dewar from the terriers that have the privilege of house and gardens is ample evidence of the place they have in his heart. "They are my friends," was a quiet remark that

of house and gardens is ample evidence of the place they have in his heart. "They are my friends," was a quiet remark that could not be disputed. Recognising the sound of his car, they are on the way to meet him before he reaches the door, and from that time they never leave him. The terriers are truly his friends, and not merely prized on account of their victories in the show ring. He is a sound judge of a Sealyham, and all breeding details are familiar to him. Some puppies by Ch. Homestall Dictator give one the impression that the succession of champions is not likely to be interrupted.

Of course, the influence of the stud dogs extends beyond their own territory. Without attempting to put on record the winning Sealyhams that owe their being to this strain, one may mention that Brash Bellissima, the fine puppy that did so well at the recent Kennel Club Show, is a daughter of Ch. Homestall Dod. She won seven first prizes and the Puppy Criterion.

Criterion.

One could say a great deal about the greyhounds, which have done so much at coursing meetings. Two or three days before I was there a brace had divided stakes at the opening meeting of the season in Wiltshire, and, no doubt, we shall hear of them again, as well as a brindle dog that is uncommonly clever. I do not want to see better appointed kennels. Without any ostentation or lavish expenditure, they are most admirably suited for the purpose. Anyone desirous of satisfying a taste for the beautiful should have a look at the Tudor cottage occupied



CH. HOMESTALL DOD.

by Mr. Walter Bradley, the poultry manager, the garden in front of which is in perfect accord. The poultry farm itself may well be a source of national pride. It cannot be a matter of indifference that the prestige of the British poultry industry has been so worthily upheld on foreign shores. Three years ago a number of birds, sent to the great show in New York, drove the American Press into splash headlines by winning thirty-eight first prizes, and the following year the tally was nearly the same, plus the Biltmore Cup for the best display of exhibits. Continental shows, too, have had to acknowledge the superlative excellence of The Homestall products. As a result of this enterprise many nations are clamouring for Lord Dewar's particular blood. Consignments, some over a hundred strong, have gone to Australia.

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Discussions frequently arise concerning the care of eggs for hatching before going into incubators or under hens. Apparently the vitality of the germ is not so easily destroyed as one imagines. Lord Dewar once presented a sitting to a director of the White Star Line, who took them to America. By inadvertence they were put in the refrigerator on the voyage, yet, in spite of the mishap, nine hatched out. At home, The Homestall birds are almost invincible. In 1924 The Macnab, a black Minorca, was supreme champion at Olympia, and the year before a light Brahma cock received a similar distinction. One old hen has won so many first prizes that American professors

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CHAMPION HOMESTALL DICTATOR.
The sire of noted winners.



T. Fall.

CH. HOMESTALL DIANA. Winner of Spratts' 100-Guinea Cup.



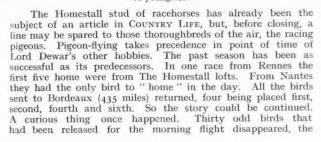
A "FULL LENGTH" OF DIOGENES.

Brother of Diana and as yet unshown.



T. Fall.

HOMESTALL DAISYFIELD. A youngster.





HOMESTALL DRUID. Brother of Champion Homestall Dod.

presumption being that a peregrine had frightened them. Four and a half years elapsed before the last returned, and he has since won in the big races from France, besides being ninth in all England from San Sebastian (536 miles). Two of the pigeons, by name Sir Harry and Lady Lauder, recall an incident in which the popular entertainer was concerned. After a visit to Lord Dewar Sir Harry went home the proud possessor of three pairs of this choice blood. They left him in no uncertainty about their ability to fly. On reaching Scotland in the early morning they were put into a loft, from which they escaped. By 7.30 that evening they were back in Sussex.

A. CROXTON SMITH.

OF ENGLISH POLO THE DECADENCE

In Country Life of September 12th we published a thoughtful article from a correspondent who sought to discover the causes of the recent ill-success of English international polo teams. The article brought replies from many of the foremost figures in the polo world. In the following article our original correspondent replies to the points that have been raised as a result of his article.

AM glad to read what so many leading authorities say on the subject introduced by my article in COUNTRY LIFE of September 12th, but after careful thought I cannot see any reason to change my opinions.

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The matter of expense has been put forward by more than one, but I am firmly of opinion that this is largely regulated by skill in riding and schooling and by devoting time and personal care to stable management. What is the biggest expense of polo? Pony failures! What most reduces the cost of polo? Pony successes! An owner is involved in a very serious loss through a pony that he has bought unschooled for, say, £75, which after a few months proves useless for the game, by reason either of possessing the wrong temperament naturally or, even though endowed with the right temperament, having failed to come to hand through unskilled riding. Part of the first cost of the pony plus, say, four months' keep, a proportion of wages, etc., and the owner's time and trouble, all go for nothing. Now, if that pony had been bought with sound judgment (good horsemastership) and, therefore, was of the right temperament and had schooled well (good riding), the owner would have turned his £75 pony into one the value of which we can put down at a minimum of £150. Bad, hurried or unskilled riding and schooling will, moreover, have a great tendency to turn a young pony into an unsound one. On the other hand, the risk of sprains and exostoses is minimised by careful, scientific and progressive schooling, judicious diet and personally supervised stablemanagement. When I use the word "hurried," I mean something very far short of the two years advocated by writers of text books. The loss on a finished pony bought at a high price, which the new owner spoils through bad riding and injudicious stable management, is more serious. Two losses, or even one, such as this might easily spell a large proportion of the player's total expenditure for the season, just as one or two successes will reduce his expenses materially.

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practised in order to get a pony to pass under the standard is reason enough, while there was the difficulty of registration centres at which country dealers, breeders and owners could get their ponies registered economically. Formerly, there were only two such centres for registration: London and Dublin. When buying a young pony one had always to take into consideration the possibility of its failing to measure, which provided another uncertainty to the already very uncertain enterprise of buying green ponies to be made into polo ponies.

Mr. Buckmaster's remarks command earnest attention, coming as they do from such an eminent authority, who for so many years trained and captained highly successful teams. A young player is dropped because he is the weakest member of a defeated team and because a better player is available. This is not as it should be, provided that this young player is an earnest trier, who will keep himself fit and will personally supervise his stud. I further think it should be insisted upon that he should have a young pony or two in the making, to replace a casualty, and that he should learn to cure his playing ponies of faults contracted in the course of strenuous matches. This is, I think, what Mr. Buckmaster means by "organisation." I do not think that the captain should be called upon to dry-nurse the other members of the team to the extent of supervising their studs, although he should be available to help with advice and practically. The captain should encourage—in fact, insist on—the members of his team keeping their ponies up to the mark in manners, handiness and condition. Beyond this, I cannot see what particular organisation is required to run a scratch polo side. To run an International team is quite a different matter and requires great talent for organisation, not to say genius. Such powers must be possessed to a very high degree by Mr. Lacey of

and trainer.

Whether ponies can or cannot be so trained outside the game that they can play regular polo within about a couple of months of being entered is a matter of individual opinion. Observation and experience lead me to the conclusion that usually they can if they are sound and fit and of suitable height and temperament, all of which I consider absolutely essential. I will go so far as to say that, if he keeps well and does not after six months schooling in and out of the game—with occasional short holidays from actual school work—shape reasonably in the game (a sequence of strenuous matches should be avoided),

he will never prove a satisfactory player. I do not consider a green pony has suitable polo temperament if he loses his head or mouth when galloped fast for a series of moderate distances.

As regards hunting being a better training for Army officers than polo, I am not prepared to admit this without the opinion of a present-day cavalry leader, who will take into consideration the altered conditions in hunting, brought about by wire in fences, tar, macadam and

motor cars, as well as the altered conditions of modern warfare. Fond as I am of hunting, I can only look upon it as a selfish form of amusement and exercise in which a man can indulge, from one day a week to five, according to inclination and means; whereas it is a commendable and loyal way to spend the winter selecting, buying and schooling a stud of ponies with a view to trying for a place on the regimental or club team. Further, it is the best practice in horsemanship and riding I know.

A WOOD CARVING at DUNHAM MASSEY

IS IT THE CARVING THAT EVELYN FOUND GIBBONS COMPLETING IN 1671?

HEN the second, and last, Earl of Warrington died, in 1758, there was, over the library chimney-piece at Dunham Massey, a wood carving representing the Crucifixion as painted by Tintoret, and surrounded by a frame of the same material elaborately wrought into the likeness of natural flowers.

This we know from an inventory of "Household Goods," still preserved at Dunham Massey. It is not dated, but at the end of the list of things in the kitchen there is an added entry as to pots and pans, with this note in the margin: "20 April 1767. From London." The inventory, therefore, must be previous to that date, and was probably taken soon after Lord Warrington's death, when his daughter and son-in-law, Lord and Lady Stamford, became possessed of the estate. In this inventory we find the item: "I Fine carved Piece of our Saviour's Crucifixion." Then, in a little marble-papered book that gives "a catalogue of pictures at Dunham 1769," the only entry under the heading of library is "a curious Alto Relievo of the Crucifixion. From a design of Tintoretta," while another list of seven years later gives the same description with the added words "carved in wood." But nowhere is there mention of the frame or any hint as to its origin, so that it never seems to have struck anyone that it might possibly be the first carving that Grinling Gibbons is known to have done. Although, in the nineteenth century, it was moved to Enville in Staffordshire, yet the place it had occupied over the library chimneypiece remained as a gap in the wainscoting, merely screened by a larger picture. The present Earl of Stamford, realising, from the entry in the lists alluded to, what had filled this gap, desired that it should resume its original position, and Lady Grey, who now owns Enville, most kindly facilitated its return to its old home. There is, therefore, no doubt of any sort that the piece now illustrated is that which was at Dunham Massey in the eighteenth century, and that it must have been a possession of the second Earl of Warrington. H

has never yet been traced after it ceased to be a Viner possession.

It is therefore possible that the carving which has now returned to Dunham Massey is the very piece that Evelyn found Gibbons completing in a Deptford cottage in 1671. The illustration (Fig. 1) shows its exact character, and those who know Gibbons' work in his prime will notice that this carving lacks some of the qualities that we expect from him. Must we on that account conclude against its being a product of the great carver's chisel? Let us examine the ground, and in the first place refresh our minds as to what we know of the genuine piece. Evelyn's own words, under date January 18th, 1671, are as

This day I first acquainted his Maty with that incomparable young This day I first acquainted his MaY with that incomparable young man Gibbon, whom I had lately met with in an obscure place by meere accident as I was walking neere a solitary thatched house, in a field in our parish, neere Says Court. I found him shut in: but looking in at the window I perceiv'd him carving that large cartoon or crucifix of Tintoret, a copy of which I had myselfe brought from Venice, where the original painting remaines. I asked if I might enter; he open'd the does circle to recomplicate. the door civilly to me, and I saw him about such a work as for ye curiosity of handling, drawing and studious exactnesse, I never had before seene in all my travells. I questioned him why he worked in such an obscure and lonesome place; he told me it was that he might apply himselfe to his profession without interruption and wondred not a little how I had found him out, I asked if he was unwilling to be made knowne to some greate man, for that I believed it might turn to his profit; he off that piece; on demanding the price he said £100. In good earnest the very frame was worth the money, there being nothing in nature so tender and delicate as the flowers and festoons about it, and yet the worke was very strong; in the piece was more than 100 of men, etc. I found he was likewise musical, and very civil, sober, and discreete in his discourse. There was onely an old woman in the house. So desiring leave to visite him sometimes, I went away.

Ten days later he goes to the King with the carving, which he describes as "being large and tho of wood heavy." He tells us it was not bought by the King or Queen, but that Viner



1.-" A CURIOUS ALTO RELIEVO OF THE CRUCIFIXION, FROM A DESIGN OF TINTORETTA." 24ins. by 28ins. Frame 4ins. broad; greatest depth of carving 32ins.



2.—SIDE VIEW OF A PORTION OF THE FRAME, SHOWING JOINT BETWEEN COMPONENT BOARDS.

became the purchaser at the price of £80. After this no one mentions it; but Horace Walpole, using a note in the Vertu MSS., tells us of one like it "long preserved in the sculptor's own house and afterwards purchased and placed by the Duke of Chandos at Cannons," and asserts it was the one Evelyn saw, although it has no carved frame and the subject is the Stoning of Stephen, whereas Evelyn repeats that the one he saw was a Crucifixion, and on that account was likely to interest the Catholic Queen. Thus the two were confused, and for long the "Stoning of Stephen," now in the Victoria and Albert Museum, which has all the characteristics of maturity, passed for the first effort of Grinling Gibbons which he executed at the age of twenty-three, and when, as he told Evelyn, he was "yet but a beginner." Does this latter answer to Evelyn's description and to what we should expect from Grinling Gibbons? The subject is right, but are the size and the treatment? The size is decidedly smaller than the "Stoning of Stephen," the representation of the Crucifixion being 2ft. by 4ft., and the whole, including the frame, 2ft. Sins. by 4ft. Sins. Evelyn had taken the carving, with its frame, to his father-in-law's chamber in Whitehall, and then asked the King where it should be brought to for him to see it, adding the words "being large, and tho' of wood heavy, I wo'd take care of it." There is nothing in this to imply a very great size, but merely that it was too big for Evelyn or any one person to carry conveniently, and that therefore he would see to it that no harm happened to the elaborately undercut frame while it was being transported by a couple of attendants. Therefore the size of the Dunham Massey piece by no means puts it out of court, nor would one expect "a beginner" attempting a very difficult task in a medium subject to shrinking and warping to undertake anything much bigger. As regards Evelyn's description, it answers to it quite well except that the praise he gives for technical excellence seems a little overdon

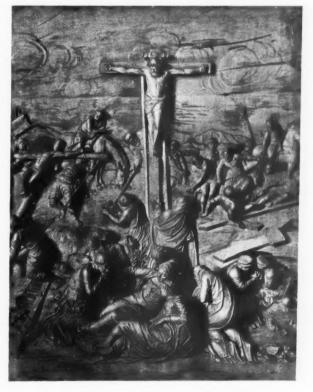
anything as technically clever as the Dunham Massey piece would be sufficient to arouse the enthusiasm of a lover of fine work, such as Evelyn was. Comparing the work with

Comparing the work with what we know that Gibbons did, we shall find that, as regards the Crucifixion itself, there is much that resembles the Stoning of Stephen. The clouds in both cases have exactly the same curious treatment. Of course, the grouping, attitude, dress and physiognomy of the figures reproduce the original painting—or, rather, engraving from the painting—that was serving Gibbons as a model in either case. But there is a likeness in the chiselling. Some of the figures as shown in the detail of the central portion of the Dunham Massey Crucifixion (Fig. 2) are just about as finished as those in the Stoning of Stephen, and if, as we certainly have a right to assume, the latter is a later production, the greater general finish follows as a matter of course. What is, perhaps, most remarkable in the technique of the Stoning is the architecture. The Crucifixion gave no scope for anything of the kind, nor, had it been attempted, could such excellence have been reached by a beginner of twenty-three.

piece, although in the background, have considerable similarity with the more detailed foreground tree in the Stoning Gibbons prepared his material by gluing together planks of lime or other wood 1½ins. to zins. thick to give him the depth he required. That is the case with the Dunham Massey piece. The total depth from the most prominent heads to the back is about 3½ins., and we can trace the line along all the more prominent carving where the joint runs between two planks each about 1¾ins. thick. The frame is treated in the same way, but the depth required was fully 4ins. A 1½in. plank was used for the lower section and one of 2½ins. for the upper one. The line is perceptible when the frame is taken to pieces (Fig. 3), and the smooth but very irregular line where the frame touches the side of the centre panel shows how exactly frame and panel were made to fit each other. It is also quite clear that the carver, whether Gibbons or another, aimed at making this frame look-like a regular rather stiff garland of flowers, each flower reaching to the curved surface, with all the stalks well below the surface and only seen by peering through the apertures between the flowers. How these wire-like stems were left as mere shreds of the solid wood it is difficult to understand, unless the carver merely fitted but did not glue together the two pieces until after this part of the work was done, and the finishing was only performed after the gluing took place. All this cleverness and the selection of flowers are certainly characteristic of the Gibbons we know, but the regular and unbroken surface which it was evidently the carver's purpose to give to this frame does not show the "airy lightness" which so forcibly struck Gibbons' own generation. That, however, they saw, as we do, in the mature products of the master. We can be quite sure he cannot have fully reached this stage in his first tentative work, and it is perfectly possible that he was as far from it as the Dunham Massey piece shows, and therefore even this objectio

thang down on each side of the portrait of Queen Mary of Scots in the Audience Chamber, we shall find rather more restraint of outline and close packing of flowers than in Gibbons' later work, such as the frame, of the same shape as that at Dunham Massey, which formerly belonged to Horace Walpole. When he did that, he liked to leave intervals where the stalks plainly showed, and to allow flowers and leaves and fruit to hang singly or in loose groups, giving a very broken outline and elevation. The differences that exist between such a frame as this and that at Dunham Massey do not, therefore, prove that the latter cannot have been performed by Grinling Gibbons, but are such as we should almost expect as existing between his earliest effort and his mature accomplishment. And, again, in support of the contention that his first work has survived and is at Dunham Massey, may it not be said that there is no one else to whom this piece may be more justly attributed? Certainly not to any Englishman, and, personally, I do not know of any foreign individual or school that shows precisely this treatment of both subject and frame, either as regards design or execution.

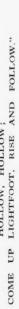
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3.—DETAIL OF THE CRUCIFIXION.

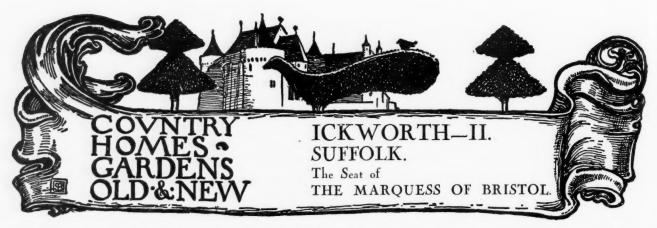


"COME UPPE WHITEFOOT, COME UPPE LIGHTFOOT;
QUIT YOUR PIPES OF PARSLEY HOLLOW,
HOLLOW;
COME UP LIGHTFOOT, RISE AND FOLLOW."





"THE KYE GANG TO THE BYRE, LAD."



E saw last week that in the autumn of 1792
Frederick Hervey, Bishop of Derry and Earl of
Bristol, was at Ickworth and settled the site of
his new Suffolk home. That done, he went
abroad, never again to set foot in England. Such
was certainly not his intention. The visit abroad was to be
of no longer duration than previous ones, and the main object
was to collect more pictures, marble and other articles of vertu.
Thus, in August, 1794, he writes to his daughter, Lady Erne,
from Siena, in reference to Ickworth, that "next year I hope
to pass the autumn there and lay the foundation of my new
house." It is clear that, whatever other work of preparation
the Sandys brothers were busy with at Ickworth, the erection
of the house itself was not commenced, nor even the plans
finally settled when that letter was written. From Siena the
bishop goes to Rome and there interviews C. H. Tatham, a
young architect professionally connected with Henry Holland
and who writes to the latter in November:

The Earl of Bristol Bishop of Derry, lately arrived in Rome, to my great surprise consulted me to make him a design for a Villa to be built in Suffolk (Ickworth) extending nearly 500 feet, including offices. The distribution of the plan is very singular the House being oval according to his desire.

Not even in 1796 has the surface material for the walls been finally settled, for in March of that year the bishop writes to his other daughter, Lady Elizabeth Foster, from Naples:

You beg me on your knees that Ickworth may be built of white stone brick. You know my dear, what Ranger says to his Cousin, & upon my knees I beg you too. What! Child, build my house of a brick that looks like a sick, pale jaundiced red brick, that would be red brick if it could, and to which I am certain our posterity will give a little touge as essential to its health & beauty? White brick always looks as if the bricklayers had not burnt it sufficiently, had been niggardly of the fuel; it looks all dough & no crust. I am even looking out for its crust too, so my dear, I shall follow dear impeccable Palladio's rule, and as nothing ought to be without a covering in our raw damp climate, I shall cover the house pillars & pillasters with Palladio's stucco which has now lasted 270 years. It has succeeded perfectly well with me at Downhill on that temple of the winds, as well as at my Casino of Derry—that temple of Cloacina. It has resisted the frosts & the rains of Vicenza—c'est tout dire—and deceives the most acute eye till within a foot.

As Henry Holland's follower, Tatham, no doubt, was also on the side of the white bricks that the former had inflicted on Broadlands and Althorp. But the bishop was not to be moved, and the house still rears its vast expanses of stucco.



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I.—THE ENTRANCE HALL.

Over the chimneypiece is seen Angelica Kauffmann's portrait of the Earl Bishop.

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2.—THE LIBRARY, LOOKING WEST.

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3.—THE LIBRARY CHIMNEYPIECE.

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Showing Flaxman's group of the "Fury of Athamas."



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AN EAST WING CORRIDOR. It leads from smoking-room to hall.

The illustrations given last week show that, except in the matter of the portico, the model of the house differs little from the elevation drawn by Sandys. The portico as built being that of the model, we may presume that the latter was later than the drawing. Both show that the intention was to carry the lower band of bas-reliefs not merely round the domed centre, but right along the corridors and wings. The corridors and wings, however, had not reached that height when the bishop died, and when the work was resumed alterations were made in both their elevations and plans. The bas-relief friezes were copied from Flaxman's designs of subjects from the Iliad and the Odyssey. We are told that "the whole of the reliefs of the lower circle and part of the upper were modelled by two brothers from the Milanese district." The building accounts (which, with the bishop abroad and the brothers Sandys managing in his absence, were, no doubt, very fully kept) do not seem to survive, but there is an estate book giving receipts and payments that does occasionally touch on building matters from 1800 until after the death of the bishop in July, 1803. We find frequent entries of wages paid to the "Italians' boy," no doubt the labourer assisting the brothers Carabelli, who were paid half-yearly, the usual entry being:

To the two Italians their six months wages as p bill
£164. 18. o.
Such entries go on till January, 1804, when we find
the pencil entry:

N.B. The Italians balance £135. 18. o.
The new earl was then stopping the work, and what the brothers left unfinished appears afterwards to have been completed by the Coade firm.

Other entries in the account book are relative to tree planting. We have already noted the attempts of the bishop to afforest the hollows about Downhill. At Ickworth he had an easier job. He had merely, in a congenial soil and site, to supplement the ancient oaks of the park. Thus, we find under date May 23rd, 1801, the item:

To Mr. Griffin on account of the New Plantation made by contract at Ickworth £150. o. o.

Does this include the extensive grove of cedars that occupies several acres on the north, or approach,

that occupies several acres on the north, or approach, side of the house, and was illustrated last week?

The bishop's plan was to confine the domestic apartments to the rotunda and to entirely devote corridors and wings to the display of his works of art. Thus the model makes each wing composed of a vestibule from which opens a great gallery some hundred feet in length and taking up the whole height of the building. The ground floor in the rotunda of the building. The ground floor in the rotunda was on exactly the same plan as that at Ballyscullion, but each room was larger. Thus, the library, segmentally shaped by stretching across the entire southern quarter of the oval, was, at Ballyscullion, as we saw the bishop writing to Lady Erne, 63ft. by 22ft., whereas at Ickworth it is 78ft. by 30ft. The drawingroom to the west and the eating-room to the east were proportionately bigger. The central portion, stretching right up from the door under the portico to the library wall, contained hall and staircase, and at Ickworth is of a depth of about seventy-five feet (plan, Fig. 9, c). That left, on each side of the hall, two segmental spaces with interior walls about twenty-five feet long, containing small rooms or closets and also broad passages (G, G) leading from the hall to corridors (H and M). It was in order to give advantal leagth to despite and divine read divine read diviner read diviner read diviner to the state of th give adequate length to drawing and dining rooms (D and E) that the oval was substituted for the round form. The segmental corridors could not start farther north than they do without leaving an absurdly small segment on each side of the portico, and at the same time it was essential that they should not trespass upon the window spaces of the two great rooms lying south of them.

The scheme of a horseshoe-shaped, top-lit main stair with a back stair winding behind it, as described for Ballyscullion, is present in the Ickworth model; but no permanent stair had been built when the bishop died in 1803, although as much as eight years earlier he had written from Naples highly approving of Sandys' drawing for "the Iron rail of the staircase." The space allowed for the

main stair was barely enough to give an easy gradient up to the chamber floor, owing to the great height of the ground floor rooms, as to which the bishop writes in 1796:

I have fixed on 30 feet for the height of my parlour floor from observing that my Lungs always played more freely, my spirits spontaneously rose much higher in lofty rooms than in low ones, where the atmosphere is too soon tainted with the atmosphere of our own bodies.

The protracted process of settling on the details of the place and then erecting the structure can, in a measure, be traced from the bishop's letters written from Italy or Germany. We have already seen him intending to be present at laying the foundation in 1795, having previously consulted C. H. Tatham as to a design, while in 1796 he decides on stucco as an outer finish. By then matters are so far advanced and it is so difficult to settle everything by letters, with the postal delays and irregularities of the time, that he sends his chaplain over to Ickworth to carry instructions to the Sandys brothers and bring back a report. The chaplain, moreover, is the bearer of the following letter to the bishop's old friend and fellow-traveller, Professor Symonds, written in July, 1796, from Pyrmont, where the bishop was staying as the King of Prussia's guest:

e King of Prussia's guest:

Dear Symonds, an old friend claims your opinion of his new house; for altho' he has a very high opinion of it himself, yet your judgment would highly raise it.— I wish to make it quite classical—to unite magnificence with convenience & simplicity with Dignity—no redundancy—no superfluity—not one unnecessary Room, but the necessary ones to be noble & convenient; to have few pictures, but choice ones, & my Galleries to exhibit an historical progress of the art of Painting both in Germany & Italy—& that divided into its characteristical schools—Venice, Bologna, Florence &c. &c. The gentleman I present to you is Mr. Lovell, My Chaplain, lately collated to a Prebend in the Cathedral of Derry, no bad artist, and a Connoisseur of merit—accompany him to Ickworth—as he can better explain to you my architectural ideas than even my Architect himself—& I flatter myself they are both Pure & Noble. When that house is finished I hope to make some residence at Ickworth, tho' its vicinity offers nothing but yourself worth cultivating. Adieu & be certain that neither time nor absence has abated the sentiments of your sincere friend,

Ough, in the fashion of the time, he

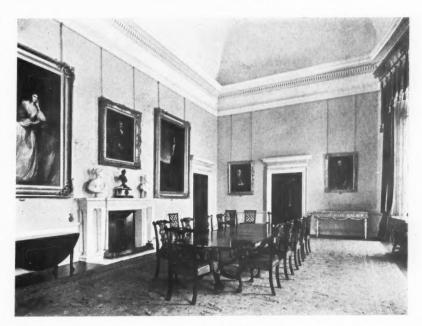
Though, in the fashion of the time, he worshipped at the shrine of Raphael and the later Renaissance painters, besides admiring and collecting the indifferent work of the Italians of his day, he recognised at least the educational and evolutionary value of the primitives, then quite neglected by the dilettanti. Thus, for a mere song he bought freely of the works of "Cimabué, Giotto, Guido da Siena, Marco di Siena, & all that old pedantry of painting which seemed to show the progress of art at its resurrection." The French occupation of Rome, however, dealt a blow to the prospective furnishing of the new house. On March 10th, 1798, he writes to Sir William Hamilton, "they have confiscated all my immense property there." Every effort is made to get it back. Three hundred and forty-three artists of all nationalities petitioned the new authorities on behalf of the man who had made lavish purchase of their works. He himself writes to Mrs. Foster suggesting that Pitt should appoint him "Minister to congratulate the Roman people on their emancipation," thereby hoping to "save all that immense & valuable & beautiful property of large mosaick pavements, sumptuous chimney pieces for my new house, & pictures, statues, busts & marbles without end, first rate Titians & Raphaels, dear Guidos, and three old Caraccis—gran Dio



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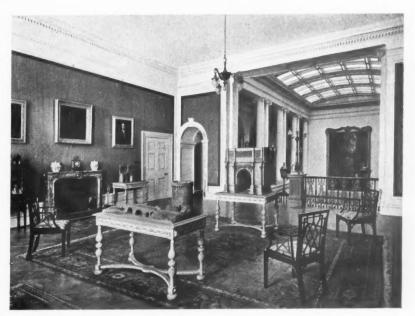
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7.—THE DINING-ROOM.

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Copyright. 8.—THE TOP LANDING, CALLED THE MUSEUM.

che tesoro." He is so sure of the success of these efforts that his mind is still running on the galleries which are to contain them, and he writes to Symonds before the end of the month to decide between the two brothers Sandys, who are disputing as to the length the gallery should be:

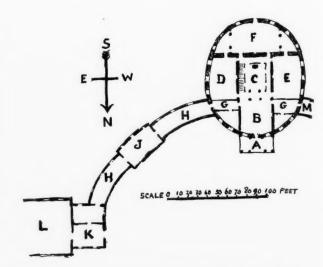
one brother deems that a gallery of 115 feet long will drown my mansion and eclipse its splendour—the other computes that less than 115 feet in the length of each gallery will not leave sufficient Room in the square of each office yard for Larders, Laundries &c. &c. suitable to the Mansion & the family that must inhabit them. Who shall decide when Doctors disagree—'tis I, my dear friend, who make you a judge in Israel.

The collections, however—he computes the value at £20,000—were never restored, and before the end of the year he himself was in durance.

In the Cisalpine and other portions of Italy where French influence was supreme he had been acting and writing so imprudently that he was held to be spying, and was shut up for nine months. Thus, in December of 1798 Lady Holland, who disliked him, writes:

That abominable wicked old fellow, Lord Bristol is still kept prisoner at Milan.

Yet, when he is set free in the following February he makes no attempt to leave the country, except for a period in Germany. He even takes a five years' lease of and adds a storey to a house in Florence, where he is seen by the Countess of Albany taking carriage exercise with "une jolie personne" by his side. Naples and Rome, however, saw most of him during the subsequent years, and at Rome in 1803 he is still buying art treasures, for the Romans are hard-up and willing to sell cheap. He describes himself as full of "health, spirits, looks and energy," but the end is at hand. On his way from Albano to Rome in July, his old enemy, the gout, seizes him in the stomach. The peasant owner of a roadside cottage will not admit a heretic prelate to die under his roof, and the lover of architecture and builder of so many great houses expires in the outhouse.



9.—SKETCH PLAN OF PART OF THE GROUND FLOOR.

A, Portico; B, hall; C, staircase well; D, drawing-room; E, dining-room; F, library; G, G, passages to wing corridors; H, H, east wing corridors; J, smoking-room; K, entrance hall to east wing; L, east wing, now a complete house; M, beginning of west wing corridor.

His eldest son having died in 1796, it is the second son, Frederick, who succeeds to the settled estates. He had, for various periods and various reasons, been out of favour with his father, who, although towards the end had written of him as "dear Frederick," leaves him nothing he can help by the will made a dozen years earlier. Even his daughters were almost wholly ignored, and the principal legatee is his cousin, the Rev. Henry Bruce, who all along had managed his Irish properties, and who now becomes the owner

of them, together with practically all movables, including the Italian collections. Hence the new earl found himself a comparatively poor man, and at once stopped all work on the great house, which most people held to be a folly and the bishop himself had, on one occasion, called "insolent." Thus, in the "Beauties of Great Britain," published in 1813, we hear that the fifth early would have pulled the whole thing down would have profited by the sale of the materials. But that not being so, he left it, and "it is not improbable that the hand of time will be suffered to reduce it to ruins." The interior was a mere shell, "with a kind of open a mere shell, "with a kind of open meader stairages to seemd to the roof." wooden staircase to ascend to the roof, and "the intended drawing and dining rooms the only apartments bounded by an interior wall." The wings and The wings and galleries had only been run up to the height of three or four feet, and the lower frieze of the rotunda was boarded up to prevent injury by weather or wantonness.

wantonness.

The time, however, when the fifth earl—who in 1826 was given a marquisate —found himself in a pecuniary position to complete his father's work, was approaching, although it was probably not till about 1828 that he removed from the Lodge. In many respects the style of the whole structure is so much that of the closing years of the eighteenth century, that we must suppose that he used, even for details, designs that had been prepared by Francis Sandys. Yet important alterations of plan were made. The wings were now employed for domestic occupation, the eastern one (L) becoming, in itself, a complete family house, still used as such, the rotunda and west wing being only opened for periods of entertainment. Moreover, the centre of each corridor was broadened so as to become a large room. That in the west wing (Fig. 10) was later on decorated as a Victorian rendering of the



" C.L."

10.—THE CENTRAL ROOM IN THE WEST WING.



11.—HOGARTH'S GROUP OF LORD HERVEY AND HIS FRIENDS.



12.—ZOFFANY'S GROUP OF LADY HERVEY (MOLLY LEPEL) AND SOME OF HER FAMILY.

Etruscan style that had been favoured in the previous century by architects such as Adam, Wyatt and Leverton. That in the east is a smoking-room (J), where we find two interesting subject pictures relating to the Hervey family. The one is by Hogarth (Fig. 11). In the centre Lord Hervey, his Lord Chamberlain's key attached to his coat, draws the Duke of Marlborough's attention to the design for a temple held up by Lord Holland, while Lord Ilchester, seated at the table, is tilting the chair behind him, with the object, apparently, of upsetting Peter Lewis Willman (who is looking through a telescope at a statue) in the canal behind him. The other (Fig. 12) is by Zoffany, by whom also there are at Ickworth a whole series of oval portraits of the Herveys of his time, framed similarly to that of Molly Lepel by Allan Ramsay. In the other subject picture we see a ship of war in the offing, while Captain Augustus Hervey, afterwards third Earl of Bristol, stands by his mother, while on the other side are grouped his two sisters and their husbands, Lord Mulgrave and George Fitzgerald.

On each side of the smoking-room is a three-windowed section of the segmental corridor (Fig. 5). The semicircular heads of the windows fit in with a scheme of vaulting that is

both picturesque and dignified. Opposite the windows are bookcases of fine figured mahogany of good Regency style, although, if made for their places, they must be termed George IV. Through corridor (H) and passage (G) we reach the hall (Fig. 1), over the chimneypiece of which we see a great portrait of the bishop, painted by Angelica Kauffmann, with whom he consorted much in Rome. The hall, with its screened off back section, where scagliola pilasters and columns support a deep entablature from which the segmental barrel ceiling springs, will be as the bishop designed and his son completed it. But the top-lighted space beyond that has been remodelled by the present marquess. Here, as we have seen, there was, in 1813, only "a kind of open wooden staircase." The bishop's scheme, as the model shows, used the centre of this for his main stair, opening it out from the hall by a broad column-supported aperture, above which was a great semicircle of glazing resembling the usual front door fanlights of the Adam period. The fifth earl, however, built a solid dividing wall, which gave a sense of gloom and steepness to the staircase he introduced. Under the advice of Mr. Arthur Blomfield the wall has been entirely removed up to the entablature, which is supported by fellow columns and pilasters to those of the

hall screen. A new stair com-mences at the foot of what was the east passage, and leads upto a gallery across the back of the space, whence other flights of steps bring us to the upper floor of the central portion of the rotunda, composed of a pillared gallery, the sky-lighted well and a great room of equal size with the hall, being open as a single space known as the museum (Fig. 8). We see in it cork and stucco models of leading buildings of ancient Rome, no doubt the work of one of the innumerable artists that the bishop so freely patronised. The staircase alteration gave an admirable position for Flaxman's group of the "Fury of Athamas," which had been set against the back wall of the hall, but is far better lit and groups better with its surroundings-in its present position in the cleared well (Fig. 4). We have seen the bishop leaving Ireland in 1788 for one of his Italian sojourns, during which he jotted down the following note, as quoted by Mr. Pemberton:

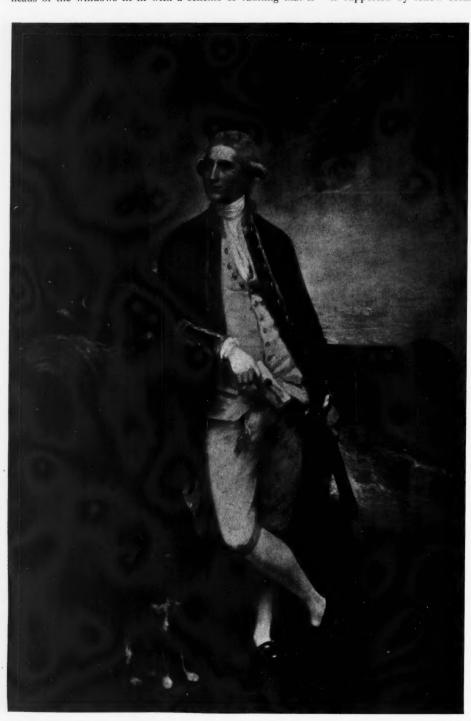
March 5th, 1790.

Mr. Flaxman is to make the Group of the Fury of Athamas of the size of the Laocoon for the Price of about 600 guineas Mr. More will be so good as to supply him gradually with the sums necessary and to give his Genius every encouragement he desires.

BRISTOL.

But for this £600 commission, Flaxman appears to have intended leaving Rome for want of employment, but now writes to Sir William Hamilton:

but I have the honour to inform you at present with much more satisfaction that I shall be detained three years longer by the Noble patronage of Lord Bristol who has ordered me to make a large group for him in marble of the Fury of Athamas from Ovid's Metamorphoses from a small composition of my own. I cannot conclude my letter without telling you the liberality of Lord Bristol has



13.—GAINSBOROUGH'S PORTRAIT OF LORD HERVEY, THE FOURTH EARL OF BRISTOL'S ELDER SON.

reanimated the fainting body of Art in Rome; for his generosity to me I must be silent, for I have not words to express its value.

West of the staircase well lies the room intended by the bishop as his drawing-room, but now the dining-room (Fig. 7). It is very simple in its decorations, and on its walls hang the portraits of the marquesses and their families. Over the chimney is Law-rence's canvas of the man who completed the house. Right and left of him are his son and daughter-in-law. To the left of the door into the library is his grandson, the third marquess; while to the right is the latter's nephew, the present and fourth marquess, in his uniform as a naval officer. The drawing-room (Fig. 6) is of exactly the same size and form as the dining-room, the curved outer wall adding to, rather than detracting from, the agreeable appearance of these two finely proportioned rooms. Here we get another series of family portraits. To the right of the chimneypiece is Gainsof the chimneypiece is Gains-borough's portrait (Fig. 13) of the first marquess's elder brother, the Lord Hervey who died in 1796. Bred a sailor, he had succeeded Horace Mann as our envoy at Florence, but, after being recalled, died at sea. He is represented as a handsome young man telescope in hand young man, telescope in hand, and leaning on a gun that points out to sea. Sea and telescope are also the adjuncts to the other great Gainsborough portrait in this room (Fig. 14). It represents Augustus, third Earl of Bristol, whose curious secret marriage with the notorious Miss Chudleigh has been treated as his chief title to fame, although his deeds as a naval commander are really more worthy of our attention. Some of them are recorded in long narrow naval pictures under the two groups in the smoking-

room. One of them, representroom. One of them, representing men-o'-war attacking a fort, is labelled "The taking of ye Port la Trinite & all ye North Side of ye Island of Martinique by ye Hble Comdr Hervey Feb. 9th 1762." Left of his portrait in the drawing-room (the red coat attracting the eye despite its mellowness) is Reynolds' portrait of Sir Charles Dayers brother-in-law to the Farl Bishon with of Sir Charles Davers, brother-in-law to the Earl Bishop, with Rushbrook in the distance. The death of himself and his brothers without issue brought that estate to their sister's son, the first Marquess of Bristol, but all of it was not long retained by the Herveys. Left of the drawing-room fireplace the bishop's youngest daughter, Louisa, is seen as Romney painted her when wife to the second Earl of Liverpool, Prime Minister at the peace that followed Waterloo, whose portrait by Lawrence hangs next to that of his wife. Here, too, we have a picture of her eldest sister, the already quoted Mrs. Foster, great friend of Georgiana Duchess of Devonshire during her life, and her successor as the sixth duke's wife after

From the south end of the drawing-room we pass into the library (Fig. 2), the awkward curved shape of which is made quite agreeable by treating the ends as separate segmental sections divided off by columns. There are five windows looking out on to the garden, and of the six inter-spaces, four



14.—GAINSBOROUGH'S PORTRAIT OF THE THIRD EARL OF BRISTOL.

are taken up by partially sunk bookcases and the other two by extremely ornate mirrors and side-tables that are good examples of an early nineteenth century revival of the rococo manner. Another, of different form, but of the same style, is over the chimneypiece of statuary marble (Fig. 3), attributed to Canova and sculptured with a curious arrangement of classic, but amorous, pairs of figures set in recesses between the columns that support the outer sections of the entablature. On each that support the outer sections of the entablature. On each side of the fireplace hang Spanish pictures. To the left is a canvas by Velazquez, representing, as a small boy, Don Baltasar Carlos, heir to the crown of Spain, who died before his father, Philip IV. To the right, the companion picture is by an unknown Spanish artist who experimented in somewhat theatrical high lights, the face and left hand standing out with almost startling brilliancy from the general low tone of the picture, which is very decorative in its own. low tone of the picture, which is very decorative in its own artificial manner.

Only in quite recent years has the rotunda been completed. Now, not only its ground floor reception rooms, but its chambers above are fully and agreeably furnished, this work having been done by the present marquess, a retired rear-admiral, who succeeded his uncle, the third marquess, in 1907.

H. Avray Tipping

THE THIRD EXHIBITION OF THE ARCHITECTURE CLUB



1.—BARRINGTON COURT, SOMERSET: VIEW OF ENTRANCE FRONT SHOWING NEW BUILDING ON LEFT.

In spite of the obvious financial advantages of the choice, it is questionable whether the committee of The Architecture Club were well advised in holding their third Exhibition in the galleries of the Royal Institute of British Architects. The objects for which the club was founded were to educate the lay public in architectural matters, and with this end in view to hold exhibitions illustrating the best contemporary work. The club was to be an unattached body owing allegiance neither to Institute nor Academy. The holding of the Exhibition in the Conduit Street Galleries will, however, make the club appear—though such is, of course, not the case—merely an appanage of the Royal Institute. But there is, unfortunately, an even graver objection to the use of these galleries, and that is, that the general public has never yet got into the habit of entering them. The Institute is quite wrongly believed to be a closed garden in which an intruder would hardly be tolerated, and certainly not be welcome. Let us imagine that a body of doctors and interested laymen had organised an exhibition illustrating the means of fighting tuberculosis. If such an exhibition were held at, say, the College of Physicians, people would be frightened of going to it; whereas the same exhibition held in some well known gallery or hall in the West End would be thronged. It is much to be feared that the same principle will apply to this Exhibition of The Architecture Club. But if only the great and ever-growing public interested in the art of good building will summon up its courage and intrude, it will find that it is not only welcome, but that an excellent show has been provided for its entertainment.

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It was hardly to be expected that the third Exhibition of the club could possibly contain as much work of really first-rate importance as the first or even the second. Huge civic centres and town halls do not spring up every year; but the present Exhibition shows once more the immense vitality and the brilliant success of the English tradition

in small domestic work, and little of the relative failure of that tradition when it has to cope with those huge schemes which they do better in France and America. That English domestic architecture is very much alive is well shown in the additions to Barrington Court in Somersetshire (Nos. 14 and 15). The present inhabitants of that magnificent Tudor house have wanted to increase it in size. It has been wisely decided that this increase should take the form of a new building detached from the old one and making no attempt to imitate it in style. The architects, Messrs. Forbes and Tate, have, therefore, designed a very successful, quite separate house to stand alongside the old Court: and how much happier such a juxtaposition is than a Tudor "fake" would have been, may be seen in the photograph here reproduced as Fig. 1. These additions to Barrington Court are a triumphant solution of the problem of adding to an old house. We have all seen old houses completely robbed of all charm and interest by additions imitating

closely the old work in style, and only to be distinguished from it by their more weather-worn appearance. Additions of this sort entirely defeat their own ends, for once one has realised the falsity of one part of such a house one writes off the whole thing as a fake and a sham. It cannot be too often insisted that scrupulous imitation does not make for harmony, and that this is best attained by a divergence of style combined with similarity in scale and some resemblance in texture and colour.

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Country domestic work is so well represented in the Exhibition that it is impossible even to mention all the meritorious work shown. Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis's "Stables at Tangoed Castle" (No. 30) makes a most picturesque mass, with a bulky tower contrasted with one of those graceful little lanterns which this architect designs with such unfailing inventiveness. Mr. P. D. Hepworth's exhibits consolidate the position which he already holds as one of the very best of our younger architects. He was known to be a brilliant draughtsman and an accomplished designer of well proportioned little houses in the Georgian manner with beautifully studied doorways—as, for instance, (No. 2) Ince House, Leamington, and (No. 300) model for a "House at Moor Park"; but he has now revealed himself also a master of the picturesque. His house, "The Pantiles, Worthing" (No. 1), with its very steep stepped gable, uneven brickwork, beautiful wrought-iron balcony and gaily painted shutters, is a most successful essay in the latter manner, though its spiritual home would appear to be in Bruges rather than Worthing. The same architect's house, "White Walls," East Finchley (No. 277)—here illustrated as Fig. 4—is noteworthy for the quiet beauty of its chimneys and the very clever way in which the roof "builds up" on different levels. The work of Mr. Oliver Hill is always fresh and original. His "House, Knowle, Warwickshire" (No. 221), shown as Fig. 3, drains the cup of



2.—BARRINGTON COURT: GARDEN FRONT OF NEW ADDITION.

picturesqueness to its very dregs. Some may think—and, speaking for myself, I agree with them—that it is contrary to something fundamental in the human brain to build in a manner so studiedly asymmetrical and disorderly, and that such houses must grow gradually with the centuries and not shoot up in a few months. But all will agree that, if the thing can be done at all, Mr. Hill can do it. One can forgive Knowle for practically growing like a mushroom in a single night, for it is a real fairy house—a sort of "Hänsel und Gretel" affair, immemorially old and perennially youthful. The same architect's "House in Argyllshire" (Nos. 223, 224 and 225) is as orgiastically picturesque, but not quite so successful. The great staircase window which forms the central feature of one of the photographs is too monumental to marry well with the bumps, curves and "batters" of the rest of the composition. But the general view of the house silhouetted against the waters of a mountain-girt loch disarms criticism. The dovecot at the Manor House, Great Rissington (No. 279), by Messrs. Falconer, Baker and Campbell, shown as Fig. 7, has also something of that fairylike quality we notice in Mr. Oliver Hill's work. Perhaps it owes something to a previous dovecot designed by the late Mr. Gimson, but the main thing about it is that it makes a natural and inevitable home for gentle, cooing doves, and one has to have that curious power, which Sir J. M. Barrie possesses in so great a degree, of getting into the minds of children and animals, to be able to do that. The dovecot strikes exactly the right note in the peaceful setting of some old English garden. "The Bear Inn," Rodborough, Glos. (Nos. 280 and 281), by the same architects, recaptures very successfully the spirit of the old English inn without any abject copying of old detail.

But too much sentimental architecture becomes a little cloying, so

of old detail.

But too much sentimental architecture becomes a little cloying, so let us get back to something rather harder and more intellectual by way of the gradual transition of Mr. Alan Brace's "Cottage, Preston Candover, Hants" (No. 139), which, though it is small and thatched, is perfectly symmetrical and, moreover, possesses a carefully designed classical doorway. Are not the ideals and principles behind such a conception of a house really more in harmony with modern life, even in the country, than picturesqueness at all costs? A small but frankly urban house is that in Jardin America, San Paulo, Brazil, designed by Mr. Barry Parker (No. 129). Though the design could hardly be more simple and direct, it produces no impression of baldness, owing to the perfection of its proportion and spacing and the beautiful design of its iron balcony. Mr. Cyril Farey's model for a "House at Moor Park" (No. 298) is a studiedly symmetrical, intellectual and dignified design, and shows—though in these days it seems a platitude to point it out—that the great principles of symmetry and axiality, the twin souls of the art of architecture, for which the great masters of the later English Renaissance stood, are equally applicable to small and great houses. A very clever piece of urban design is Mr. Vincent Harris's "Courtyard and Loggia for 47, Grosvenor Square" (No. 141). The courtyard is frankly



3.—HOUSE AT KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.



4.--" WHITE WALLS," EAST FINCHLEY.
(P. D. Hepworth.)



5-ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, ACTON: EAST END, EXTERIOR.



6.-ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, ACTON: EAST END, INTERIOR

based on the atrium of a Pompeian house, and on a fine day it must look very charming; but the really remarkable part of the building is the blank wall giving on to Carlos Place. The dignity of the whole thing depends almost entirely on the great depth of the niche in the centre. A shallow niche would simply have looked as if it were put there to "fill up," like Sir E. Lutyens's niche on the Westminster Bank in Piccadilly. Whether anything is put into the niche or not does not very much matter. The niche itself is "the thing."

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The interior domestic work reaches a high level, but there is not a great deal which immediately strikes one as conspicuously original and fresh. These epithets, however, certainly apply to Mr. G. G. Wornum's rooms in No. 37, Hamilton Terrace (Nos. 70, 71 and 72). The architect has, perhaps, been inspired by modern Austrian work, which seems to be evolving a definite style based on the use of curves. In the photograph of the bedroom (No. 70), the bed stands on a low platform which, instead of being rectangular, is made up of a complicated outline of curves. On each side of the bed are wall cupboards copiously curved, as is the tester of the bed itself. Now, if all these curves were, in addition, emphasised by copiously curved, as is the tester of the bed itself. Now, if all these curves were, in addition, emphasised by mouldings, it would be too much of a good thing. But they are flat, or nearly so, and the effect is pleasing and novel. In the drawing-room fireplace (No. 72) even the sides of the chimney breast curve. This may be more than some people can stomach, but whether one likes it or not—and personally I do—Mr. Wornum makes a new and very real contribution to architectural development.



7.-DOVECOT, THE MANOR HOUSE, GREAT RISSINGTON.
(Falconer, Baker and Campbell.)

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In a manner as far as possible removed from Mr. Wornum's work is Mr. Paul Phipps's "Detail of the Library at The Warren House, Stanmore" (No. 73). There is a great deal of work that one admires, but does not want to live with, but the essential quality of this library is its liveableness. Every detail which could possibly arrest and perhaps irritate has been eliminated, and the result is a room which is delicate and restful in the highest degree. We now come to the non-domestic categories, and in these categories I should myself give the first place—and, indeed, the first place in the whole Exhibition—to Mr. Edward Maufe's "St. Saviour's Church, Acton" (Nos. 196, 197, 200 and 201). Except for the window tracery, which is based on the Gothic Decorated style, the church is practically astylar, but it is characterised by the extreme verticality which nearly all satisfying Gothic ecclesiastical architecture possesses. Unsophisticated ecclesiastical architecture possesses. Unso people like Gothic because they feel that it is Unsophisticated it is "soaring," people like Gothic because they feel that it is "soaring," and they are fundamentally right, as Gothic architecture should soar. Mr. Maufe's church is high in relation to its width, but he has done all he can to increase the appearance of height. He has rigorously excluded all horizontal features like string-courses (see Fig. 5). He has thereby laid himself open to the criticism that the design is not tied together and that there is no particular reason why his windows should come in one place rather than another; but he has risked such criticism and has "planked" definitely for verticality, and triumphantly achieved it. Faults there may be, such as the relation of the west door to

the windows which flank it and the doorway itself; neverthethe windows which flank it and the doorway itself; nevertheless, this comparatively small church gives one something of the same impression of majesty which the great Cathedral of Albi inspires in so supreme a degree. In the interior, looking east (Fig. 6), Mr. Maufe has wisely avoided an east window, and, in an immensely high dossal, with its entirely original and successful frame, has provided the only possible entirely satisfactory climax to his high narrow nave. Messrs. Falconer, Baker and Campbell, whom we found designing sentimental dovecots and Old English inns are also showing a very interesting model of a concrete whom we found designing sentimental dovecots and Old English inns, are also showing a very interesting model of a concrete church (Nos. 285 and 286). Possibly, in the future we may adjust our standards to the extreme exiguity of the stanchions which are sufficient to carry the roof in this material. But as reinforced concrete is capable of spanning great widths, it would seem wiser to avoid internal supports, unless absolutely indispensable. This church is a very interesting experimental model in the use of concrete, and one hopes it may be built. Sir G. Gilbert Scott's new buildings for Clare College, Cambridge, are well known, but there is a photograph (No. 193) which shows a new and very charming detail of them. Messrs. Adshead and Ramsey's "Flats for the Duchy of Cornwall Estate in Kennington" (Nos. 178 and 179) are designed monumentally, and yet without undue extravagance.

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One of the most astonishing things in the Exhibition is the new "Headquarters for Messrs. Austin Reed, Limited, in Red Lion Square" (Nos. 174 and 175). The building looks as if it had been transported direct from Berlin or Munich, and

that is no derogation to its quality or originality. But it looks better in the photographs than it does in real life, as it will be a long time before most of us can accustom ourselves to the use

a long time before most of us can accustom ourselves to the use of buff glazed brick.

It is not without relief that one sees that the supply of war memorials is showing signs of diminishing. Professor Lionel Budden shows a fine one at Birkenhead (Nos. 240 and 241), which would, however, be better for the omission of the two shields.

The architects' preliminary sketches, which might have been such an interesting feature of the Exhibition, are, on the whole, disappointing, as most of them show the work at a stage far beyond the thumbnail sketch on the back of an envelope. Mr. Tilden's "Preliminary Sketch for Interior of a Hall" (No. 87A) has imagination and suggestiveness. No one going to the Exhibition should miss the panels of tiles by Mr. Edward Bawden and Mr. Harold Stabler (Nos. 48, 49 and 50), which, while they have all the vitality of the best Dutch models, are in no sense copies of them.

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The Exhibition will provide something to the taste of everyone who has even the glimmerings of an interest in architecture or decoration, and it is very much to be hoped that the public will not be frightened by the grim portals of the Royal Institute, but will go boldly in and tell their friends to go too, and talk about the show at luncheon and dinner just as if it were an exhibition of modern French art at the Leicester Galleries or, perhaps, something even more exciting than that GERALD WELLESLEY

THE GOLFER'S "MENTAL PICTURE"

By BERNARD DARWIN.

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HAVE just been reading a book by our conqueror in the last Open Championship, Jim Barnes, or, as he is here more formally called, James M. Barnes. Its name is "A Guide to Good Golf" (The Bodley Head, 6s. 6d. net), and it is very decidedly interesting.

I remember very well the first time I saw Barnes play. It was in 1913 at the Country Club at Brookline, in the famous championship, in which Mr. Francis Ouimet, very little older than a schoolboy, first tied with Vardon and Ray, and then heat them in the play-off—an occasion which began the challenge championship, in which Mr. Francis Ouimet, very little older than a schoolboy, first tied with Vardon and Ray, and then beat them in the play-off—an occasion which began the challenge and led to the supremacy of America in golf. Hagen and Barnes were then two of the rising young professionals; both threatened danger, but both fell away in the last round. Barnes had, at that time, a long and unruly shock of hair that gave him something of wild and woolly western look; his game, also, though full of dash and promise, was something wild. He came, if I remember rightly, from Tacoma. Precisely where that is I do not know, but I recollect an advertisement alleged to have been displayed on a consignment of apples: "These are from Tacoma. So are you—a long way from—Come nearer. You'll like Tacoma." Apparently Barnes did not agree with this sentiment, for he left Tacoma, came farther east, and moderated the exuberance alike of his locks and his hitting. To-day he is a model of steadiness and accuracy, a very fine golfer and, if I may respectfully say so, a most pleasant and modest one. It is agreeable to know that, "In spite of all temptations to belong to other nations, he remains a Cornishman," and will probably come home some day to a well earned retirement on his native links of Lelant.

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Since Barnes first left Lelant and went to America he has clearly done a great deal of thinking about golf, and there is plenty of thought in his book. There may not be a great deal that is very new in it, but to say that about a golf book in these days is something of a compliment. Almost all that can be said in the teaching of golf has been said, and to strive to be original in the teaching of golf has been said, and to strive to be original may be to become too fantastic. The problem is rather to say the old things in a form that impresses itself upon the learner's mind, and that, I think, Barnes has done very well. But there is one point in his book that will probably come freshly to many English readers, although it is one on which American writers lay great stress. It is what they call the "mental picture" of the golfing stroke.

Here it is in Barnes's own words. "The chief problem in learning to play golf from the mental standpoint is to try to acquire the correct mental picture or pattern of the swing as a whole, and then to work toward becoming able

try to acquire the correct mental picture or pattern of the swing as a whole, and then to work toward becoming able to reproduce this picture to where it becomes habitual, requiring little or no conscious thought. This is not an easy matter. Yet it can be done, and it is the first step toward becoming a consistently good player." It is not an easy matter; I am sure we all agree with Barnes about that. It is not easy to visualise ourselves doing anything. I do not know how it may be with other people, but personally, from much watching, I can shut my eyes and summon up a sufficiently clear picture of, let us say, Abe Mitchell or Duncan swinging a club. That ought, one would think, to be much more valuable than a picture of one's own efforts. But I am not so sure about that. Now and again I can summon up a picture of myself hitting the ball, and hitting it well. Doubtless it is very unlike the hideous original which I have never seen; but the fact remains that on the days when that picture is clear before my eyes I that on the days when that picture is clear before my eyes I

can hit the ball; I only wish I could do it oftener, and I believe

it to be a real help.

This, however, is an egotistical interlude. Let me return to Barnes. He is very anxious that this mental picture should move before our eyes at the right pace, and this is how he expresses himself. "If the player is to be at all conscious of thinking of what he is doing, then he should try to keep his thought on the action as it goes along; that is to have a picture of the back-swing as the club is going back, and then the forward swing as swing as the club is going back, and then the forward swing as it is brought down, and be sure to visualise the clubhead going on through and out after the ball. In other words, I might say, think of the right thing at the right time. Allowing the attention to hurry along ahead of the stroke to what is going to happen to the ball while the club is being taken back and started down is almost sure to upset the swing." These are wise words and weighty ones. If we could do what Barnes tells us, I suppose we should very seldom commit the crime called "mis-timing," and if we never mis-timed, the occupation of people who teach golf would be nearly gone. It is a point on which Barnes lays great emphasis. In the pages of "The American Golfer," he treats golfing patients by correspondence, and his answers to great emphasis. In the pages of "The American Golfer, he treats golfing patients by correspondence, and his answers to them are reprinted in our own "Golf Illustrated." Those who have read them—and they are well worth reading—will remember that he often suggests as part of the treatment, "Don't think ahead of the stroke." He illustrates his meaning by an interesting analogy from high jumping. A high jumper may be clearing the har quite comfortably and without effort by an interesting analogy from high jumping. A high jumper may be clearing the bar quite comfortably and without effort till he reaches a height which he knows to be just about his limit. Then he suddenly fails utterly, jumping right into the bar. This is because he is conscious that an effort is necessary; he looks too far ahead and makes his effort far too soon. Admitlooks too far ahead and makes his effort far too soon. Admittedly it is much easier to talk about thinking of the right thing at the right time than to do it. But to get the notion of doing it is something. As Barnes says, "Any player can cultivate a habit of shutting himself in, as it were, from his surroundings while playing a stroke," and that, again, is to be some way on the road. That American golfers devote more time and though than we do to practising this mental side of the game. I am the foad. That American goners devote hore time and daughe than we do to practising this mental side of the game, I am sure. There can be no better instance than the way in which they deliberately "let up" between their shots, relaxing, talking to their friends and making small jokes, and then back to the business of the next stroke with a fierce burst of

back to the business of the next stroke with a nerce busit of concentration.

However, they have not got a monopoly of this thinking golf. I know one British golfer whom I will back against anyone. Last spring at Hoylake, at the time of the English Championship, I was practising in the fading light, when I spied a friend coming across the course. He had no club in his hand and, since the evening was chill, he was well wrapped up in a great coat, with his collar turned up. Was he going for a walk, I asked. No, but he believed you could do just as much good by thinking about golf as by playing it, and he had come out to think. And so, although he had played two rounds, there he was walking hole after hole, making a mental picture of every stroke he was going to play on the morrow. He waggles so much and swings so fast that it occurred to me that he had his mental work cut out. The last I saw of him, as I went back toward the already lighted windows of the club house, was a figure seated in profound meditation on the "cop" in front of the fourth green. "Solitude with dusky wings" brooded over the links, and still he sat there thinking, thinking.

THE ESSENTIAL DOSTOIEVSKY

Dostolevsky: The Greatest Novelist, by André Gide. (Dent, 6s.)

ANDRE GIDE declares Dostoievsky to be the greatest of all novelists, evidently considering "The Brothers Karamazof" to be the most inspiring work in the whole of modern literature, and he adduces incidentally the opinion of Mr. Arnold Bennett in support. This is a remarkable judgment, because Dostoievsky's idealistic psychology is peculiarly distasteful to the modern world, which generally prefers the critical destructivity of Shaw or the cynicism of Anatole France. An especially remarkable judgment to come out of France! André Gide's book on Dostoievsky appeared two years ago in France and attracted much attention. It is now introduced to the British public in English translation. It is a valuable addition to the library of books growing around the name of Dostoievsky, and even those who know the great Russian writer well will find something new in the impulsive, enthusiastic, penetrative addresses of the Frenchman. Of course, as far as England and America are concerned, it is late in the day to be discovering Dostoievsky. He has had his hey-day with us. There has even been a Dostoievsky boom. He has now receded somewhat from our mental horizons. The Russian revolution disillusioned us with regard to Russian idealism and the religion of suffering and the life of the peasants. They failed to save Russia in her hour of direst need, and in our practical Anglo-Saxon way we have said this wonderful Russian attitude towards life has failed

when it came to the test of history. Begging M. André Gide's pardon, Tolstoy in his immensity does not still overshadow our horizon nor does a cloud-capped Dostoievsky rise behind him. No Russian speaks for Europe to-day; the great thinkers have become for us for the time being merely clever men and Muscovite curiosities. That is a pity and it is probably unfitting, but it is the reaction of the people of our time. However, Gide has discovered Dostoievsky. Dostoievsky has discovered him and made him his disciple. He has become his Saint John and has written the latest and most remarkable of the gospels of Dostoievsky. He tells his life afresh, making one feel that until now there has been no real biography of Dostoievsky. From the volumes of his published correspondence, from his books, and from suppressed fragments, he releases his film of Dostoievsky. It needed to be done by one so capable as André Gide. The adventures, episodes and incidents, the being under sentence of death, the being so constantly in debt, do not take precedence in this study. But ideas, moral values, psychology, do take precedence. The author clamours from page to page like a hound in full cry—on the trail of the essential Dostoievsky. André Gide is evidently well versed in European literature as a whole, and is unusually familiar with English writers, deriving much of his illustrative power from Blake. He dares to couple Dostoievsky with Browning, and that will probably surprise some readers, who imagine Browning to be merely a cult or a prejudice of an outlived age. But probably Browning will survive most of our contemporary British literature and shine

British literature and shine in a constellation of European lights. Dostoievsky is also compared with Nietzsche, whom, perhaps, he greatly inspired, and with Ibsen, who is also kindred. This is a stimulating book, especially for those who already are interested in Dostoievsky. It must add something to the knowledge of the greatest of enthusiasts. It could with advantage have been a larger book, and it could have been strengthened in style. It has the feeling throughout of being transcribed shorthand notes, and, in the matter of the long quoted extracts from Dostoievsky's works and letters I am not sure that it would not have been better to re-translate some of these or to have revised them.

STEPHEN GRAHAM.



"THE KESTREL BRINGS A YOUNG LARK TO THE FAMILY."
(From "Aristocrats of the Air.")

Aristocrats of the Air by Captain C. W. R. Knight. (Williams and Norgate, 21s.)
READERS of COUNTRY LIFE need no introduction to Captain Knight, whose delightful pictures of bird life have often adorned these pages. In the present book appear many photographs, taken in their natural haunts, of the rarer birds to be found in these islands. They include the Montagu's Harrier, the heron, the rarer, birds of prey, the shelduck and the tiny Dartford warbler. The photographs are accompanied by a pleasantly discursive commentary which is partly a narrative of Captain Knight's experiences in obtaining his films and his pictures, and partly a record of his careful study of the birds and their habits. Lord Grey of Fallodon—who, most appropriately, contributes a preface to the volume—observes that birds interest most of view: eating, shooting or collecting. Observation of bird-life has an especial advantage over these three—it does not,

as these three aspects do, imply any destruction; and when observation is regulated by proper care, it does not disturb the birds. Indeed, if the observer does disturb the birds he destroys his own opportunity of observing them. This lesson is admirably brought home in Captain Knight's narrative, in which he is constantly compelled to describe the extraordinary and elaborate precautions which he found necessary to successful observation.

He draws special attention, at a time when it is much needed, to the persistent robbing of rare birds nests. The ravages of the modern egg-collector—the man who is out to pay high prices for the clutches of eggs of our really rare birds—are working havoc in all parts of the country, and some further measure of protection is becoming yearly more necessary. Particularly obnoxious, of course, is the nest-robber to such observers and photographers as Captain Knight. Such photography, as he observes in his preface, involves a great deal of careful preparation, which is essential in the case of any instinctively nervous, wary bird, and particularly essential where some jealously guarded rarity is concerned. It is natural, then, that he should be filled with anxiety during the period of his observations, lest anything should go wrong with the nest or its contents. "Every servation. He draws special attenshould go wrong with the nest or its contents. "Every time," he writes, "that I visited the Montagu's Har-riers' nest I found myself in

The Secrets of a Showman, by Charles B. Cochran.

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THERE are not, after all, so very many secrets in this book by Mr. Cochran. It is the record of a vivid career which has see-sawed between the heights and depths of prosperity and poverty. The author has met most of the interesting people of his day and sphere. He has many "secrets" to tell—secrets known to a certain few in his own profession but unknown to the general public. Therefore, one supposes that they are secrets in the wide sense. At any rate, it makes a good selling title, so, with "C.B.'s" signature beneath it, the book was certain to be a success. We refuse to hail Mr. Cochran as a wondershowman, a prince of entertainers, a monster spectacle-maker, or by any of the other flamboyant titles which a lurid Press has showered upon him; but, setting all this aside, here you have a book, vivid, interesting, alive, packed with tales of the dead and of the living, pregnant with such a wealth of incident as only so meteoric a career could encompass. It sets out to play upon the strings of the imagination. Think of the man who could write "dope" articles to pay for his breakfast, tramp the streets with no bed to go to and then later juggle with tens of thousands, have fortunes "to play with," as he phrases it, and ransack two hemispheres for silks and stuffs and human beings to put before his public. It makes a fascinating tale, this story of a career which rose from nothing to dizzy heights, swayed in the wind like a tower of cards, and then crashed—to be now rebuilding before your eyes. Was it pluck or luck, fatalism or mere "bald-headed foolishness," which has pulled him there? Probably an amalgam of all. Names run through the book in a river of words. Mr. Cochran has known everybody in his own world—and a good many outside it.



"WITH HER SHRIEKING FAMILY."

Ingeniously he contrives to mention them all. Thereby—showman to the last—he has recognised one of the essential qualities of the success of the modern contes scandaleuses. Delysia, whom he discovered in a four-line part in a Paris theatre; the Guitrys, Yvonne Printemps, Bernhardt, Duse, the incomparable Trini, the Diaghialeff Ballet, the Quadro Flamenco, the Bat Theatre, the Fratellini, the Dolly Sisters—all these he has shown to London either as discoveries or in a sense and manner peculiarly his own. Boxing he put on a new plane, whether for the better time only will show. The Rodeo was a failure, brilliant and spectacular. These are the milestones along a career which has blazed a new trail for the English music hall. Mr. Cochran's many quarrels with the critics, his outbursts, sometimes petty and sometimes justified, his occasional intolerance—these things are small matters when weighed in the balance against the sum total of his career. He has attained that rare eminence when he must be regarded rather as an institution than as a man. That is why the faults of the book, its underlying insistence upon the fact that he knew Lord So-and-so, that he made such an one's career, that his instructions on such an occasion were disobeyed once only—these things are the permissible egotism of a man who has risen from nothing to much. He is still the showman—this book is part of the show.

The Whole Story, by Elizabeth Bibesco. (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.) CLEVERNESS is like a cocktail, exhilarating in a wineglass, overwhelming in a tankard. That may be why The Whole Story seemed so much better than any of the fifteen whole stories that follow in this book. And yet we are inclined to think that it really is the best, too, because it does not float right away from a workaday world on the delicate nebulæ of sensation with which it deals. The lady who is a "best-seller" only as long as she preserves her romantic, yearning illusions by remaining unmarried, is a figure possible enough in real life, and, like so many real-life figures, is half laughable, half tragic. The same story also contains a description of a governess which is a little masterpiece of characterisation and wit, deserving quotation in full, and ending with the words, "She never travelled without eau-de-Cologne encased in wicker-work and brandy concealed in a small scent-bottle. These excesses were covered by the formula, 'One never knows.'" But all through the remaining stories we are

afflicted with the suspicion that the troubles of the heroines are due less to the course of true love running jerkily than to the fact that they have too much money and too little to do. The breath of flowers and scent penetrates their drawing-rooms and their cars more often than the breath of reality. There is not one of the sixteen stories that is not clever and well written, not one that does not frequently flash with wit. But the scintillation has in it more of the crackle of fireworks than of the serenity of stars.

AW! DOMMIT!

HEY come back to you—don't they? To the expert, no doubt, the whole horse—but to us, the heads. The expert remembers, regretfully, that that particular horse was lacking in length or depth where depth or length was essential, but we only know how wise he looked, how altogether topping.

That is when you and I have our memories stirred by a picture of the head of some particular horse; but we feel almost equally sentimental about any horse when we see him portrayed with ears cocked forward, head up, a light in his old eyes. The most inarticulate among us will be moved to words on those occasions, the strongest and most silent will deliver himself of a flow of them: a fairly short flow, perhaps—but a flow. "He occasions, the strongest and most silent will deliver himself of a flow of them: a fairly short flow, perhaps—but a flow. "He really does look rather an old topper, doesn't he?" is the sort of thing; and we sit down, cramping an unaccustomed fist to the task, to write one of those letters which run, "Sir, the illustration in your issue of the umptieth . . . old favourite of my own . . . some of your readers may be interested." of my own . . . some of your readers may be interested. We enclose several poorish snapshots, post the letter, and spend the next week wondering why we ever thought that "your readers" would be interested,

readers would be interested, hating those uninterested readers in advance, and—alternately hoping that the editor will, and will not, publish our letter and the pictures. To the eternal credit of editorial

sympathy, he generally does.

The fact is that, while
the faces of very few men will
stir us to enthusiasm, the head of a horse will always do so.
At the risk of calling upon
myself the severe displeasure
of the Court Official concerned, I would ask you to look back with me at His Majesty, our present King, at a moment which, to my mind, was his-torical—even if the history books, in their dull way, con-

inue to say nothing about it.

In the year 1918, when
his soldiers had fought that
last long fight (see how cleverly I avoid giving you a chance to tell me not to write about "the war"), the King went among them informally. He, I think, wanted to see them; they, beyond all oglad to see him. beyond all doubt, were Figure to yourself (how French I'm get-ting!), a cobbled road thronged fing!), a coobled road thronged for a mile or more with the men of a whole division:
"thronged," not lined, for this was to be an informal meeting. And here he comes!

A great crash of cheering broke out, men who had expressed

but little enthusiasm for four years, and had lately sworn they would never be enthusiastic again, snatched their hats from their would never be enthusiastic again, snatched their hats from their heads and roared their welcome; and—with the flush of a pleasure which a man might feel in such circumstances—the King passed among them. A soldier who had been silent, searching the eyes of his King—thrust himself, somehow, into the narrow lane which a staff-officer tried to clear. A great, big fellow, he was, a rough, inarticulate warrior; but he leapt into the air, dancing before His Majesty with all the enthusiasm, if less than the grace, which dancers who dance before a king should show. And, "Aw, Dommit," he roared at His Majesty, "but it does us good to see yer face." good to see ver face.

A man whose opinion counts has recently assured us that A man whose opinion counts has recently assured us that King George knows more about a horse than did his illustrious father; is, in fact, a better judge of one. The Court Official concerned will perhaps, therefore, continue to excuse me when I say that the enthusiasm which is aroused by the sight of a few kings and all horses springs from the same deep-seated emotion.

How do they, the horses, do it; how do they get it across? It cannot be all in the eyes. A blinded man retains expression, for the deep cut lines about his face conveys that expression to us.

for the deep cut lines about his face convey that expression to us. But a horse in blinkers retains expression and he has no deep cut lines. I once watched the big bay carriage horses of the Sultan of Egypt throughout the greater part of a Cairo race meeting. I do not drag in the Sultan like that to try to give you the impression that I am a person who lives in royal boxes—or even royal horse-boxes. It is only that the Sultan, like His Majesty in London, was the only man in that country who still kept a pair of carriage horses worthy of the name. And even on a Cairo racecourse, where colour, light, and movement combine to make pictures for you, there was nothing better worth watching than those great, upstanding horses.

Anybody can draw a picture of the head of a horse (it is when we get to the legs that the thing comes out so woggley); it will not, necessarily, be a good picture not such heads a Mr. Luker shows us here—but I have just drawn one of the off-side It would, I fear, remind anyone else of nothing more equine than a red-nostrilled rocking horse, but to me it brings the whole thing back.

whole thing back.

He was standing there, under the trees, behind the grand stand. They had taken him out of the carriage, and while his native coachman watched the races a small army of underlings whisked and polished away at the black and gold-gleaming harness on his back. He paid not the slightest attention to them; he paid no more to the ever-changing crowd of natives who surged and jabbered around and past him, and he was quite unmoved by the

he was quite unmoved by the blare of the brass band which was making all those brass-band noises which are properly associated with the scent of trodden grass and the flash of gay colours as the horses are cantered down to the start. He just stood there, looking every inch of his 16.3, with his head flung up, as he gazed over the heads of the crowds, watching something which nobody else could see.

When the field swept past

to the winning post I thought that he would surely turn his head; but he did not—by no sign did he betray that he was even aware of those Arab ponies scuttling past him; his lips remained slightly parted, his tongue showing at the side, and he stood the paid and and he stood there, mild and magnificent, unmoved and ap-parently immovable. I think that he was remembering things, that his mind was going back to his own Arabian ancestry to which all the great ancestry to which all the great carriage-horse breeds owe so much, and that a train of thought had been started in his mind which left him semi-oblivious of what was going on around him, trying to piece together those recollections of an order recent recollections of an



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Arabia, to fit them in with more recent recollections of an English home. I like to think about him. It is curious that it is always the pleasant, peaceful mind-pictures which these pictures of horses heads recall. Why does not Mr. Luker's picture of Brenda the jumper, for instance, remind you of old Bucephalus who jumped on you? You will recollect that you had, at the time, a clear enough picture of his head, as he hurtled through the air.

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Personally, I like these horses heads presented to me bridled, ready to share with a rider all that ecstasy of speed and power which horses alone can give us. Other people have a fancy for the haltered pose, so to speak, and the thought which it evokes of a row of boxes when it is time for water and feed—every box with a wise head poking out, and a pleasant air of bustle about the place, and a clattering of bucket handles.

The heads with the show-ring ribbons, the rosettes fastened to the brow-bands, do not appeal to me much. The proper place for the rosette is gripped in the rider's teeth (have you noticed that the linen of the red, first prize, rosette has a slightly more delicate aroma than that of a mere blue one—and that the white, "Commended," rosette is a tasteless, scentless thing?) Of course, when your friends among horses win honours and decorations, you may like to have these pictures of them, taken at the investiture, so to speak. Personally, I think that the ribbons and things make a horse look a trifle foolish, or, at any rate, embarrassed; not more embarrassed than a man looks at an investiture with the Order of Something Tremendous hanging



GERALD. Favourite o'd hunter.

round his neck, but embarrassed in a similarly deprecating way. "Of course," he seems to say, "this is a great honour and I should have been extremely annoyed if I hadn't been given it—still, the sooner we can put it back in its box" (or hang it up in the saddle-room) "the better I shall be pleased."

Perhaps that is only human (or inhuman) jealousy on my part. In my defence I would claim that I once cut out of a monthly magazine a picture of the head of someone else's horse, mounted it rather smudgily on an inadequate piece of cardboard (I was rising eight at the time), and kept it for five years as one of my most treasured possessions. It was one of those snapshots which the editors get, and it was called, without equivocation, "The Finest Horse in the World."

I endorsed that verdict for five years, until, in fact, I began to become so unpleasantly sophisticated. Now—possibly as the result of approaching second childhood, if not of senile decay—I should be glad to have that picture by me again. I should feel once more the wish to pat with resounding pats that firm, strong neck; and then, with my hand on his neck, as it were, I would wonder just how good a horse he really was. But there is no need to "wonder" about the horses whose pictures by Mr. Luker are shown here. Brenda the jumper,



BRENDA. Jumper.

Gerald and Roddimore, the hunter and champion hunter, Hindoo, winner of many a jumping prize and second in this year's Olympia Scurry—it would be waste of time to wonder about them. Miss Wylie, of Reabrook, Minsterley, owns these horses, and, so they tell me, fifty more besides. Also, Miss Wylie is a practical farmer. If farming in Shropshire is like farming anywhere else, I wonder if there are moments when Miss Wylie gives up farming as hopeless; and, if so, I wonder whether she does not choose those moments for going to have a look at the horses. And is there one among them to compete with old Broncho—Colonel Malise Graham's Broncho—that twenty-one year old "old soldier," who, nonetheless, could win the King's Cup at Olympia this year from many younger soldiers? It seems to me that there might be something pretty comforting about the sight of an old Broncho at such moments.

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I believe that everyone—every British one, at any rate—feels things like this when they see a horse's head. It is always possible that you (or I) may have been no nearer to a horse than to ride on the tail-board at a cart horse parade—but, show us the picture of a Real Old Sort looking at us through his bridle, and——Aw!



RODDIMORE. Champion hunter.



HINDOO. Second in the Scurry Race, Olympia, 1925.

WORKING **FARM** IN **ECONOMY**

have grown accustomed during the past few years to blame, for the depressed condition of agriculture, many factors, such as high rents and wages, as well as the uneconomic systems of marketing which frequently obtain. Some suggestions made by Mr. R. J. Young, an Australian farmer, in the Scottish Journal of Agriculture for October are, however, well worth serious thought, the gist of his observations being a comparison of Colonial and English methods in the routine of farm management.

As the outcome of this comparison, it is more than evident

that Colonial working costs are much less per acre, because of the greater use made of labour-saving appliances, as well as

methods which will speed up work.

Two factors appear to have contributed to this end. Two factors appear to have contributed to this end. First of all, scarcity of money and labour made it necessary for the Colonial farmer to do much of his own work. As a result his mind naturally applied itself to devising methods whereby his labour could be made more productive, and in doing so he was always ready to learn from his neighbours. In this way an open mind, with a readiness to change methods if better ones were suggested, has encouraged progress. The second factor is that the farm labourer in the Colonies is always a potential farmer, and therefore always willing to profit by his employer's advice. and therefore always willing to profit by his employer's advice, since it opens out an easier avenue of advancement for himself. It will thus be recognised that when a labourer has the desire to progress from the status of servant to master, and when opportunities are provided for that development, that an ideal position obtains. If we look for this kind of development in this country, at the present time it is only realised in a few cases; but where it is realised, as in Cumberland and Westmorland,

people to manage it, whereas there is no need for more than one man with a modern type. During hay harvest, the cost of an elevator is saved many times, and the same applies to other implements, like hay sweeps and loaders.

A comparison of the best English methods with Colonial practices will show even more glaring differences. As Mr. Young has pointed out, a man who was one of three engaged in working an English drill, in Australia can be seen working a combined implement, which, drawn by six horses, cultivates, drills the corn and distributes the artificials at one and the same operation. Yet, again, the same man, previously considered only capable of managing a pair of horses in a single furrow-plough, drives from six to eight horses, turning three or four furrows. For the purposes of harrowing, one man drives six horses in a machine which separates the grain from the straw, threshes it and puts it in sacks ready for market.

It may, of course, be legitimately argued that local circumstances are against the employment of Colonial methods. This is sometimes true, as occurs in the case of climatic limitations for rapid harvesting. But the re-organisation of many existing methods could be profitably adopted, particularly by those who are about to embark in agricultural operations and who have not already tied up their capital in the antiquated dead stock of the farm.

THE DRESSING, OR PICKLING, OF SEED WHEAT.

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With the commencement of the wheat-sowing period, it is necessary to draw attention to a serious fungus disease in wheat crops, viz., "bunt" or "stinking smut." In 1923, out of a thousand samples of wheat tested for germination at the official Seed Testing Station at Cambridge, over 40 per cent. were infected with bunt, and these were principally eedsmen's samples. Obviously, it is never safe to trust to luck in the matter of wheat seed, on the ground that it is obtained from a good source. The losses which result from infested samples are considerable. In many counties cases have been recorded where from 25 to 55 per cent. of the ears were attacked. One has only to realise the effect of this on the total of saleable crop to appreciate its significance. Not only is an infected crop lighter in total yield, but, in the process of threshing, the bunt-filled grains burst and the spores cover the rest of the sample, with the result that the good grain has a distinct fishy taint—a quality which operates adversely when sale to the miller is contemplated.

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Perhaps the worst which can be said of the travelling threshing machine is in regard to its influence in spreading this disease. If the muchine proceeds from a clean field on another farm, then infection of the clean sample takes place, and the care taken by one farmer may be undone by the neglect of his neighbour. Similarly, hired sacks are apt to be spore spreaders. This, therefore, offers another reason why one should look upon most samples of seed wheat as being infected, and why it is advisable to dress the sample prior to seed wheat as being infected, and why it is advisable to dress the sample prior to seed wheat as being infected, and why it is advisable to dress the sample prior to seed wheat as being infected, and why it is advisable to dress the sample prior to seed wheat as being infected, and why it is advisable to dress the sample prior to seed wheat as being infected, and why it is advisable to dress the sample prior to seed wheat as being as the seed.

This treatment, in practice, retards the germination of the grain and kills a portion of the seeds—in some cases this being as high as 40 per cent, of the seed—which explains why many wheat growers in the past have preferred to run the risk of bunt infestation rather than dress their seed.

Recently, however, it has been found that a solution of formalin in the right proportion kills the spores without injuring the germination capacity and without necessitating an increased seed rate per acre. This treatment has been perfected by Salmon and Wormald of Wye, and consists of m xing formalin with water at the rate of 1 pint of formalin to 60 gallons of water, or 1 fluid oz. to 3 gallons of water. Two gallons of the solution must be used to every 4 bushels of wheat. This should be slowly sprinkled over the seed wheat spread out on a barn floor, shovelling it over and over until all the grains are mois

have been sprinkled with the diluted solution at the same time as the wheat.

The wheat, when dry, should be sown as soon as possible, and every care should be taken to ensure that the treated seed is not placed in contaminated sacks. Taose used should, preferably, have been soaked in diluted formalin solution. Usually the wheat is treated the afternoon previous to the day on which sowing is to take place.

If, for any reason, the weather should prove unfavourable for sowing after the seed has been treated, the wheat should not be sacked up, but left spread out on the floor and periodically turned. If placed

A MODERN AND COMPACT HOMESTEAD.

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A survey of many farms all over the country leads one to agree that not only are many of our implements out of date, but also many of our farm buildings. If the old conditions and associations remain intact, there is a tendency to maintain the old practices. It is, therefore, well to bear in mind that, though the method of modernising farm buildings entails the expenditure of capital, at the same time the saving in working costs would more than cover the interest and depreciation charges which such changes would necessitate. An expenditure of \$4500, if it saved the services of one good man, would be repaid on that score alone in six or seven years. The time wasted on some farms through inconvenient and scattered buildings, as well as badly planned fields, is appalling, and these are items which help to pile up the cost of production.

There is but little doubt that the investigations now being made by the various agricultural costings officers at the provincial

made by the various agricultural costings officers at the provincial colleges will be able to throw a good deal of light on methods which make for the reduction of working costs. Sir Daniel Hall, of the Ministry of Agriculture, has stated that these investigations will probably have a greater influence on the prosperity of agriculture than any other aid which the farmer can utilise

It must be fairly evident, however, that on many farms, three horses and a two-furrow plough will plough the same acreage as two teams plough at present, saving one man and a horse. Similarly, there is a wider scope for the employment of ploughs lighter in draught, as well as the one-way ploughs, which are proved time-savers. In the matter of drilling corn, the old fashioned steerage drill which is widely used, often takes three The heart of an electric lamp is the filament. All Mazda lamps are good at heart.





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the sacks, the wheat would tend to heat, which would be to the detri-ment of the germination capacity.

The cost of the material for this treatment, with formalin at 6.6.1 per pint, is about one penny per 4 bushels of wheat.

PIG-KEEPING.

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A great deal has been published concerning pigs during the past few years, while the developments which are taking place almost every day indicate that the last word has by no means been written. Of all the stock on the farm, the pig probably possesses the greatest possibilities, and the fruits of breeding and selection are quickly realised. These are reasons which doubtless contribute to its popularity, though there are vast differences between the profits which are made by breeders. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 10, Whitehall Place, S.W. I, has just issued "Miscellaneous Publications" No. 48 (price 1s. net), which deals with pig-keeping, and the publication is an admirable digest of the main points brought to light during the past few years. Much of the material in the pamphlet has already been published in Volume XXX of the Ministry's Journal. Perhaps the greatest weakness in the publication lies in the unequal treatment given to the different breeds, with a tendency to overlook recent achievements.

CO-OPERATION IN FARMING.

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The time has fortunately passed when agriculturists can afford to turn a deaf ear to the merits of co-operation, but we still have a long way to go to rival the achievements of co-operative enterprises in the United States, Denmark or even Ireland. On the winding up of the Agricultural Organisation Society last year, the National Farmers' Union agreed to shoulder the responsibilities for the further promotion of the movement, and at the present time has 134 agricultural co-operative societies on its register. A conference of representatives of these societies was held in London last week and many interesting statements evolved from the discussion on the difficulties which confront the movement. The stumbling block throughout has been the average farmer. That veteran of the co-operative movement, Sir Horace

Plunkett, who is better qualified to speak on this subject than anyone else, asserted that the frequent failure of the movement in England was due to failure to explain the principles of co-operation. This is undoubtedly the crux of the whole matter, for co-operation demands the co-operative mind and manner of thinking. If this obtains, in conjunction with the employment of highly efficient organisers and salesmen, then the charges of disloyalty to the movement which are so frequently made at the present time will become a thing of the past.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

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The unfortunate recurrence of foot-and-mouth disease after a period of comparative freedom once again draws attention to the elusive character of this scourge. Impatience may at times be manifested at the tardiness in arriving at some means of prevention, but it is well known that the Ministry of Agriculture have for some time past been conducting important research work, and are probing all the avenues whereby the disease might be spread.

When account is taken of the seriousness of the disease on the Continent, and the fact that a stream of visitors and wheeled traffic is continually reaching us from across the Channel, not to ment on migrating birds, the difficulties confronting the authorities seem innumerable. There is a feeling abroad that while the Government are fully alive to the seriousness of the present position, they overlook possible means whereby the disease may be imported. It has been customary for a long time to blame imported foodstuffs and packing material. The precautions adopted by the Irish Free State authorities who insist on disinfection of visitors have raised the question whether similar precautions might not be advisable in this country. Thus, it has been pointed out that a large number of touring cars come to this country from the Continent, and that no methods of disinfection are adopted. It is to be hoped that the Ministry will express an opinion on this matter, for there seems to be little point in farmers precautions when, despite all the care in the world, germ-carriers are at large.

Meanwhile, those who treasure their herds and flocks will be wise, in districts were the disease exists, to maintain constant vigil and to discourage visitors from other farms. Similarly, on the first signs of suspicious symptoms, the nearest police station should be informed.

CORRESPONDENCE

GOLF FROM THE AIR.

TO THE EDITOR.

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Sir,—A propos your article, we noted with interest your contributor's criticism of aerial views in general and golf courses in particular, and we are enclosing a print of a golf course taken vertically and marked out with the holes numbered, and this possibly may be of some interest to you.

Taken vertically, of course, the view is even more unlike that which the average person sees, the average person sees, but at the same time it but at the same time it is much more true than the oblique photograph, and one is able to trace out every inch of the ground thereby. The view is of Edgware; the Edgware Road is to the left, Whitchurch Lane on the right, with its junction with Dennis Lane at the bottom right corner; at the bottom left corner is the end of Brockley Hill.

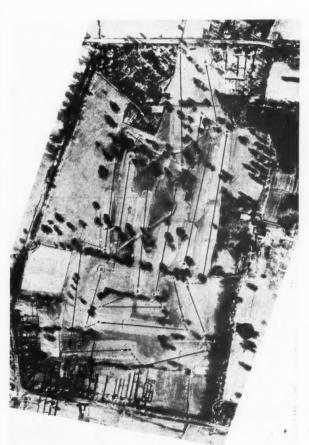
E. M. LEMAN, Manager, Surrey Flying Services.

HITCHIN PRIORY.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I want to cor-rect an error that crept rect an error that crept into my second article on Hitchin Priory, in your issue of October 24th, page 634. The picture of Charles I in the hall is there stated to be after Van Dyck. It should have read by Van Dyck. Through some misunderstanding I had at first hastily set it down as a "school" picture, but Mr. Delmé-Radcliffe assures me that its pedigree is well its pedigree is well

established and that it is by Van Dyck himself. It certainly is an extremely fine picture, and possesses the stamp of genuineness, and I much regret that by an oversight the change from after to by was not made in the proof of the article.—H. AVRAY TIPPING.



THE EDGWARE COURSE TAKEN VERTICALLY

A RARE HYBRID DUCK.

TO THE EDITOR.

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Sir,—Hybrids between surface ducks and between diving ducks respectively, are not uncommon. But it is, I believe, a very rare occurrence indeed that a surface duck pairs with a diving duck. On my moat here (at Hassocks) this year a red crested pochard drake (Netta rufina) and a wigeon duck have paired, and I have been able to rear two of the ducklings. I believe this to be a unique combination. The wigeon made her nest close to the water, and it contained, when found, six eggs. I thought I would wait, before taking them, until she should have laid eight—and meanwhile a rat took the six. About a fortnight later she made another nest, and when she had laid five eggs I took them, and put them under a hen. Three of them hatched on the third of July. The ducklings were healthy from the first, and grew rapidly. A week or two ago a fox (foxes abound about here, and sooner or later kill my surface ducks, and occasionally a diver) killed one of the three, and will probably have the others some time or other. The two remaining appear to be drakes, the third, unfortunately killed, seemed to be a duck. It will be interesting to see what plumage consists of different shades of brown. A very dark brown head, lighter brown neck, darkish brown wing and wing covers, the sides and breast a soft light brown shading off almost to white at the water line. The beaks and eyes are dark. They are handsome-looking birds and well groomed, already rather larger than their mother, but smaller than their father; they hold their necks like the latter. It will be interesting, also, to see if the hybrids will be purely surface ducks or whether they will be able and willing to dive. At present they do not attempt to dive, at the most they immerse half their body when trying to retrieve corn or reach weed. The red crested pochard is, of course, a diver, and, according to the books, a very active and expert diver. My experience of them here is, however, that they seldom attempt to dive, and even then only go just under the surface

"THE PIGEONS' BATH."

TO THE EDITOR.

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Sir,—I am glad your correspondent in Country Life of October 17th has drawn attention to the need of a bath for the pigeons at the British Museum. Not only have the pigeons there no means of washing, but have no drinking water either, and pigeons are very thirsty birds. They take advantage of such puddles of water as they can find. The accompanying photograph was taken during the hot weather, when a large depression in the road in front of the steps of the Museum was filled when the grass plots were watered in the morning. A shallow stone basin of suitable design would be a decorative addition to the open space in front, and would not only be a source of pleasure to the visitors to watch the birds there, but a constant joy to the pigeons themselves.—M. G. S. B.

THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE. TO THE EDITOR.



MAKING THE MATCH.



THEY'RE OFF.

SIR,—I send you two photographs which may amuse your readers, illustrating a well known little story.—E. M. H.

THE LATE PROFESSOR LEFROY AND THE DEATH-WATCH BEETLE:

TO THE EDITOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In Country Life of October 24th, there is a notice on the death of Professor Lefroy, in which it speaks of his "invention of a method for destroying the dry-rot beetle." I assisted Professor Lefroy when he made the first experiments with the affected timber from Westminster Hall roof, which was attacked by the death-watch beetle. Dry-rot is, of course, a fungus. I am writing in case your statement (which I think must be a printer's error) has not been noticed and is therefore allowed to pass uncorrected, and thus mislead many readers who rely entirely on statements in your valuable journal.—Herbert W. Keeble.

[We are much obliged to Mr. Keeble for calling out attention to this mistake, due to inadvertence. "Dry-rot" should, of course, read "death-watch."—Ed.]

A PIONEER OF NYASSALAND.

TO THE EDITOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Fifty years ago a young Aberdonian, Robert Laws, saw Lake Nyassa for the first time. He is still there in a hearty and vigorous old age. Theologian, doctor, craftsman and Jack-of-all-Trades, he has given a lifetime to the tribes of the lake. It was in 1873 that Livingstone died; in 1874 his body was buried in Westminster Abbey; and on October 12th, 1875, the "Livingstonia" Mission began to be, with the entrance into the lake of the steamer the Ilala. To-day Nyassaland is an ordered territory under the British flag; the tribes have ceased to live by waging wars upon their neighbours, and everywhere the foundations are being laid of a new African civilisation. In the story there are many great names to record, Sir Frederick Lugard, Sir Harry



THIRSTY PIGEONS AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

Johnston among them; but no one who knows Nyas aland will deny a place of honour to the modest Scots doctor who has made science work with religion, and has brought to the service of the African the best gifts which the west has to offer. To-day he is still at his post in the Livingstonia Institution, where, on a plateau 3,000ft. above the lake, he is educating Africans to lead their own people. There, for example, he plants the hill slopes with trees, chiefly juniper and cedar, and upon one day each year, called Arbor Day, the children of the station plant 4,000 trees. This is only one of the many ways in which Dr. Laws shows his wisdom and foresight.—EDWARD SHILLITO.

A ROOK AT PLAY.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—This morning my attention was attracted by the rather unusual sight of a rook above the tree-tops carrying an object in his feet, after the manner of a hawk. The object proved to be a good sized stick. After a few moments the bird, still on the wing, transferred the stick from his feet to his beak, and soon afterwards dropped it. The performer and his companions were obviously in a very playful mood at the time.—E. T.

A FINE HOUSE BURNT.

TO THE EDITOR.

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SIR,—You may have noticed a reference in the papers to the disastrous fire on Thursday, Oct. 15th last, in the early morning, at the Castle House, Deddington (described by you in Vol. XXIII, page 906), perhaps more properly called the Old Rectory House, and by Skelton the Rectory Farm House, where Charles I is reported to have slept three nights after the Battle of Cropredy Bridge, July 2nd, 1644. The big north-eastern block of three large rooms over each other has been completely gutted, and the fine bay window rising to

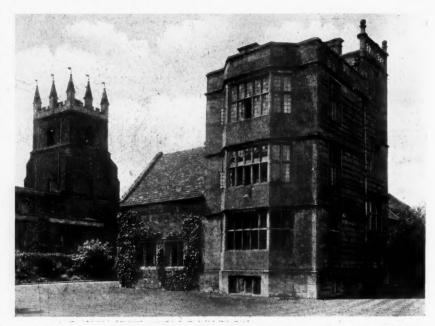
the parapet has entirely fallen in. The more modern south-western wing could better have been spared, as the rooms had contemporary panelling, and the owner, Mr. Herbert Long, had formed a fine collection of contemporary furniture, nearly all of which is destroyed. I do not know whether you care to republish any of your illustrations of this fine house.—C. C. BROOKES, Hon. Secretary, Oxon Archæological Society.

[We reproduce one of the pictures of the Castle House.—ED.]

KESTREL v. CURLEW.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Early in October a shooting friend, when drifting in his gun punt down a "drain" towards a flock of thirty curlews, observed a hawk hovering above a rather large flock of dunlins, evidently singling out his quarry, when suddenly out shot a single dunlin from the main body and hurried away just above the surface of the salt tide, evidently knowing that safety from a striking bird of prey lay in keeping close to the water. Pursued by the hawk the little wader uttered continuous shrill cries, which the curlews evidently interpreted, for in a body they rose and dashed towards the pursuer, who soon found it best to retreat, whereupon the dunlin wheeled round and alighted upon a mud flat. A kestrel some time since attempted to bully a solitary rook, the latter bird using its utmost endeavours to get above the hawk, which, in turn, tried to surmount and get above the other. The rook appeared to have had the best of the encounter, for with a dash it bodily struck the aggressor, which came to earth in a somewhat dazed condition. A parcel of rooks will now and then mob a hawk, and put it to flight; while a flock of protesting swallows will so baffle a kestrel by their tactics, that, instead of singling out and securing a victim, it finds retreat the better way.—A. H. Patterson.



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A NEW BRITISH BIRD.

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TO THE EDITOR.

a,—Fair Island, situated mid-way between
the Orkneys and Shetlands, is a splendid lace for the observation of bird migration.
In September 26th, yet another new British ind was discovered there by Surgeon ear-Admiral J. H. Senhouse, viz., the Pethora Pipit (Anthus Gustavi), which is really North Asiatic species, but breeds in the Petchora district of north-east Russia. Not only is this the first record of this bird for the British Isles, but also for Europe, outside Russia. It breeds across northern Asia east

to Kamchatka, migrating south-east to winter on the China coasts and as far as the Philippines and the Malay Archipelago.—H. W. ROBINSON.

A CAT STORY.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—Having been very much amused by a cat story in COUNTRY LIFE a few weeks ago, I think the following one of my two blue Persians may interest you. They caught a thrush in the garden one day last summer, brought it into the hall, and placed it where they always put things they value particularly—in their water bowl. I heard a tremendous

noise of fluttering and squeaking, and found the cats each with a large grey paw on the unfortunate bird's body, holding it under the water like two old bathing women, and turning their heads aside so as to avoid getting their faces splashed—for, needless to say, the thrush did not submit without a struggle. I had actually to lift their paws off the bird, which flew away out of the door very wet and bedraggled, but otherwise unhurt. Both cats cold-shouldered me for the rest of the day, and spent their time stalking round the garden calling plaintively to the thrush to come and be drowned again!—D. Bergne.

WINTER **SPORTS SEASON** THE

T all pleasure and health resorts it is customary to call bad weather exceptional—"nothing like it remembered by the oldest inhabitant"—while fine weather is spoken of (though with subdued triumph) as something quite ordinary. Hence last winter's meteorological behaviour in the Alps gave the Swiss an awkward dilemma. For, if you wanted sunshine, this was the best winter ever known; but if you wanted ski-ing, it was the worst. The difficulty which confronted the average hotel keeper was, therefore, this he did not know whether to go about among his guests genially proclaiming that the cloudless sky was typical, or to apologise for the nearly snowless slopes which the persistence of that cloudless sky involved.

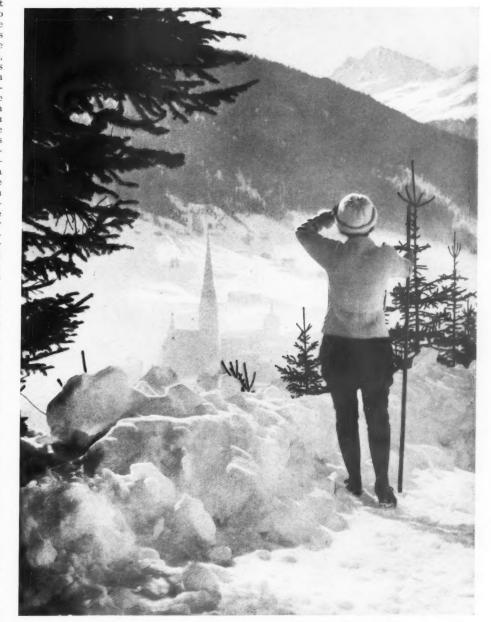
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The propagandists of Switzerland have made such a song about the unsullied blue of the heaven overhead that people who had never been to the Alps might believe the snow for the sports always obligingly fell just before the arrival of the Christmas visitors, and with the utmost politeness refrained from falling again refrained from falling again until after everybody's deparuntil after everybody's departure. For you cannot have snow without clouds from which it may fall—and you cannot have cloudlessness. Well, the cat is out of the bag now. A cloudless winter, a winter of perpetual sunshine, is not such a blessing as it sounds. In the old phrase, it is a bit too much of a good thing. The propagandists aforementioned were artistically justified in their peans about the blue sky—because it is the fine days for which we travel to Switzerland which we travel to Switzerland and which are vividest in retrospect. But the bad days (which are not so very bad, because windlessly falling snow is so much pleasanter, however is so much pleasanter, however thick, than gustily falling rain) are an essential ingredient of truly good Alpine weather. This we learnt, almost surprisedly, by our experience of the drought—for, of course, it was a drought—which endured practically unbroken in the Alps from about the beginning of last December until the end of last December until the end of

February. However, it was not fair to say, as some of the stay-athome sporting journalists said, that there was no snow in Switzerland. The lower-altitude resorts ran short of snow, so to speak, but the resorts at or above 5,000ft. altitude, especially the resorts in the Canton of the Grisons (St. Moritz, Pontresina, Davos, etc.) always had enough to keep always had enough to keep going the ski practice and the tobogganing. The fact that toboggan and bobsleigh races were carried on at these resorts throughout the whole season is sufficient proof of this; for the toboggan runs are built of snow and cannot come into

existence at all without snow being available in substantial quantities. But there is no denying that a toboggan run, if maintained in repair and screened at its sunny corners, will survive much longer than a southward-facing meadow of the fleecy drifts beloved by ski-ers; and it must be confessed that, even in the Engadine, the white landscape became patchy, in spots with islands of up-intring grass—an unbeard of sportagle in spots, with islands of up-jutting grass—an unheard-of spectacle for the time of year.

Still, one claim at least might be put forward in favour of this strange winter: the rinks were never jollier. Here, again, the really high-altitude places scored. They had a nice frost nightly. I never saw more beautiful skating and curling ice than we were offered, day after day, week after week, at Davos; and the same was the case elsewhere at any similar height.



LOOKING OVER DAVOS PLATZ FROM THE SCHATZALP. Ward Muir



THE BELVEDERE CURLING RINK AT DAVOS.

Curling, incidentally, had a great vogue; the idle ski-ers took it up—at first faute de mieux, but afterwards with amusing keenness. Some of the Alpine curling clubs enjoyed the most prosperous season of their history—or certainly the most prosperous since the war. Skating also was, naturally, in high favour,

keenness. Some of the Alpine curling clubs enjoyed the most prosperous season of their history—or certainly the most prosperous since the war. Skating also was, naturally, in high favour, and the professional instructors reaped a golden harvest—sometimes teaching pupils who had holidayed in the Alps repeatedly, yet never been on the ice before, because ski-ing had hitherto proved too fascinating.

Ski-ing, it must be allowed, has swept the field in winter sport: a fact not to be deplored, for ski-ing is one of the wholesomest amusements known to man. And, though there was quite a lot of serious ski-ing done last winter (especially after the merely smart season had finished in the usual exodus to the Riviera at the very moment when Switzerland was at its best), it is to be hoped that the coming winter will see better opportunities for long-distance touring. The skittering-about on easy slopes near the hotel—slopes nicknamed, not inappropriately, the nursery—is good fun and capital practice; but, if this were all that ski-ing amounted to, the sport would hardly have attained its present tremendous popularity among faithful lovers of the Alps. These enthusiasts ski not because ski-ing gives them an opportunity to dress in fancy suits and coax an appetite for cocktails and lunch: they ski because they lust after the empty loneliness of vast open spaces, silent summits and trackless deserts of snow, which can only be reached by ski-ing's aid and by the exercise of a considerable mountaineering technique. The sort of ski-ing which is demanded for these ambitious explorations is not learnt in a week on the nursery, nor from text-books; yet its within the grasp of everyone who really wishes to graduate in it, for all the ski clubs now organise beginners' excursions, under the leadership of experts.

And the club huts, situated in remote eyries at the intersecting lines of the big tours, are a most useful institution whether for shelter in a blizzard or for an hour's rest and refreshment. To sleep the night in one of th

above the world of cities, and wake to the majesty of a dawn spreading across hundreds of miles of surrounding peaks is a curious contrast to the sophisticated is a curious contrast to the sophisticated life of the hotel, with its jazz orchestra and its American bar. The life of the luxe hotels, especially in the more cosmopolitan centres, is endlessly entertaining. But an occasional interlude of a night of roughing it in a club hut on the heights may be nourishment for the soul. And, after all, it is the ski-ing which supports those same hotels, not the hotels which support the skiing. Moreover, so stimulating is the Alpine air, it is by no means impossible to be a happy patron

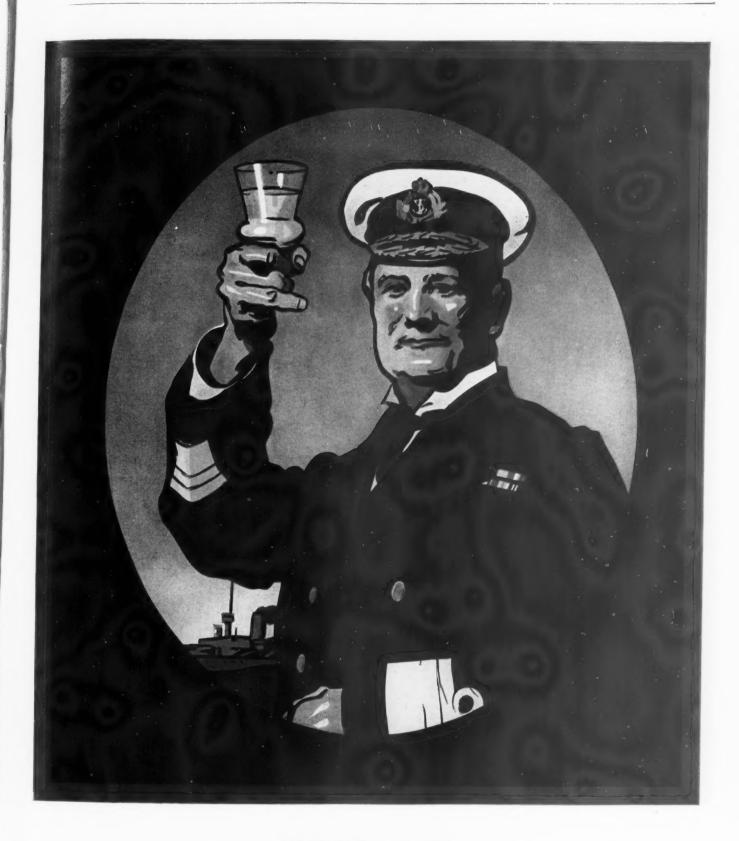
Alpine air, it is by no means impossible to be a happy patron both of ski-ing and of the jazz orchestra's fox-trots. Elderly ski-ers may prefer to retire to bed early while on their Swiss vacation; but plenty of the young folk seem able to dance till all hours, yet return to England, at the end, displaying the authentic sunburn certificate that every moment of daylight has been spent healthily in the open air.

This sunburn, it should be added, has its dangers if acquired too quickly. The feminine members of our party must on no account forget to take with them a suitable supply of cold creams, face powders and the like, for the complexion can be damaged if it reddens patchily (and perhaps painfully) in the keen, dry, bracing air. An even tint, contrariwise, can be very charming indeed. It comes slowly and regularly. The unduly rapid and local bronzing can be ensured against by the use of various preparations, the precise choice of which rests with the individual preferences of the purchaser. The matter is a genuinely important one for women; but even the sterner sex should not neglect to pay heed to it. If the masculine cheeks once get badly "bitten," shaving is a torture for several days afterwards. Personally (though I cannot flattter myself that I have any complexion to preserve), I never dream of exposing my countenance to the Alpine glare—for the first week of my stay—without my morning application of cream, lanoline, hazeline or what not, and these medicaments are best brought from England as part of one's holiday equipment.



SNOWBOUND WATERS IN THE DISCHURA. Ward Muir. NEAR DAVOS.

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This equipment can now be completed at home. The This equipment can now be completed at home. The iss shops have nothing better to offer than the London ones, and the Swiss franc, unlike the French, stands at an exchange the which is by no means conducive to bargains. The London orts' outfitting shops have been at some pains to seek the livice of the experts, with the result that ski boots, and even the ski themselves, are as "genuine" here as anywhere in elevetia. Toboggans and curling stones are loaned gratis to the visitor in most Alpine hotels; but with the exception of his toboggan and his curling stones the sportsman may as well convey along with him everything he is likely to require. Woollies, pull-overs, scarves, socks and puttees are certainly better of English make than of Swiss. Suits for ski-ing and tobogganing should be of some windproof but porous cloth of a texture to which snow is not liable to adhere. Trousers, on the whole, seem to be becoming more popular than breeches erbockers: they tuck into the boot tops or into short The special ski socks are supplied by any dealer in knickerbockers: puttees. The special ski socks are supplied by any dealer in ski boots. Special gloves are also made, with one compartment for the thumb and another for the remaining fingers; these gloves can be closed tightly over the jacket sleeves. Shoes soled with crêpe rubber are useful on the curling rink. For skating, the specially designed skating boots, built to order, are an economy if their owner proposes to pursue this pastime seriously, as they will last for years. The skates themselves, of course, ought to last a lifetime, and this is an obvious reason for investing in the best at the outset. Newbers will better ones be found than in the best at the outset. Nowhere will better ones be found than those manufactured of English steel.

WARD MUIR.

COUNTRY HOUSE WIRELESS IN THE

HE latest newcomer into the field of popular pastimes is wireless. Is it yet another craze, or will it be added to the short list of lasting hobbies? There can, I believe, be no doubt that wireless has come to stay. Commercial, naval and military wireless communication Commercial, naval and military wireless communication has been in use for a great many years now, but it was only in the autumn of 1922 that popular interest was aroused to any extent in the subject. Prior to that time there had been very little telephony. The few who possessed receiving sets had to content themselves mainly with the rather laborious unravelling of morse-code messages sent from ship to ship, or between stations ashore in various parts of the world. Once a week the small station at Writtle gave an hour's programme of music; the Eiffel Tower sent out short concerts at uncertain intervals; a small band of amateur transmitters provided occasional entertainment, with the help of gramophone records: weather reports a small cand of amateur transmitters provided occasional enter-tainment, with the help of gramophone records; weather reports and conversations with aeroplane pilots could be picked up every now and then from Croydon and other aerodromes. But beyond these there was nothing at all to listen to except the pings or the flutings of the morse code. Yet in spite of all this, so great is the appeal of wireless that there were in these islands more than 30,000 licensed receiving stations before the formation of the British Broadcasting Company and the beginning of regular transmissions from London brought home to the nation at large the facts that wireless telephony existed and that it could provide the lacts that wheless telephony existed and that it could provide entertainment in a way previously undreamt of. Almost in a moment wireless ceased to be a mystery to the general public. Till then it had been regarded as the preserve of enthusiastic experts; it was suddenly realised that with hardly any theoretical knowledge at all the man in the street by moving a couple of knots this way or that could hear speech and music from almost incredible distances. The result was an amazing "boom" in the sales of radio agreement. in the sales of radio apparatus.

Many people heard wireless transmissions in those days

—and were frankly disgusted with them. The science of broadcasting and of reception was in its infancy. At the transmitting station the appliances used were incapable of dealing properly with the performance of a soloist—and much less with the far more complex sounds of an orchestral item. Receiving sets suffered because components had not yet been developed. suffered because components had not yet been developed sets suffered because components had not yet been developed which were designed particularly for telephonic as distinguished from telegraphic working. Hence speech was apt to be blurred and "woolly," while music was often harsh, especially in the louder orchestral passages, and its reproduction was marred by a suppression not only of the deeper notes, but also of the higher harmonics owing to the inability of the apparatus then in use to respond properly to all parts of the scale.

It is utterly unfair to judge the wireless reception of to-day by the reproductions of broadcasting heard three years, two years or even one year ago. Nor is it just to base an opinion of its qualities upon the performance of either a poorly made amateur set or a commercial receiver of the cheap and nasty type. Transmissions to-day approach very nearly to perfection,

amateur set or a commercial receiver of the cheap and nasty type. Transmissions to-day approach very nearly to perfection, and with the best kind of modern receiving set they can be reproduced, even at great distances, at loud-speaker strength, with such clearness and such purity that even the most critical ear can detect little that calls for adverse comment.

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There can be no greater boon to-day in the country house than the wireless receiving set, which is always at hand to provide entertainment. Broadcasting is no longer confined to a few transmissions of short duration. Our home stations provide almost continuous programmes from the early afternoon until eleven o'clock at night and even later. With anything like an efficient set, properly installed, there is practically no place in this country at which two or three of the B.B.C. stations cannot be tuned in at will. One can, therefore, pick and choose one's programme by making a choice from the items that are being sent out on any particular day. And in addition to our being sent out on any particular day. And in addition to our own stations there are many upon the Continent that come in at great strength in this country and are quite easy to tune in. On the longer waves Radio-Paris sends out excellent programmes, receivable here on quite small sets. There is a concert at luncheon time, another during the afternoon and a third in the evening. Lower down in the scale of wave-lengths we have the German

stations, many of which work at considerable power and come ry strongly indeed in this country. Then from France the transmissions of Radio-Toulouse, L'Ecole Supérieure come the transmissions of Radio-Toulouse, L'Ecole Superieure des Postes et Télégraphes and Le Petit Parisien, all of which may be relied upon to provide welcome entertainment during the frequent hours when they are working. The Spanish station, Radio-Iberica, is one of the finest in Europe, and in many parts of this country its programme can be heard to perfection with a receiving set of reasonable size. Other foreign broadcasts which may be tuned in every here in favourable localities without which may be tuned in over here in favourable localities without the exercise of any great skill, are Brussels, Oslo and Rome.

The wireless receiving set thus keeps the country house, even if it be situated in the remotest spot, in touch not only with Britain, but also with the rest of the world. There is hardly a minute of the day, from ren o'clock in the morning until after midnight, when there is not something to be heard. It follows that there is no more reliable medium for the entertainment of one's guests in an emergency. Should weather conment of one's guests in an emergency. Should weather conditions make shooting or hunting impossible, the wireless set may be depended upon to help with a concert, with a varied programme or with dance music. For the last it is a splendid stand-by in any circumstances. The British stations transmit stand-by in any circumstances. The British stations transmit the music of the Savoy Dance Bands on several evenings each week while Radio-Paris, the German stations and others fre-quently send out the strains of first-rate syncopated orchestras. One of the drawbacks to living in the country is that it

one of the drawbacks to hving in the country is that it is often impossible to obtain an evening paper. The wireless receiving set solves the difficulty, for every night two news bulletins, giving both sporting and general intelligence, are sent out from each B.B.C. station. Those who can read morse out from each B.B.C. station. Those who can read morse may make sure of obtaining important news at the earliest possible moment; for the last three years, though unable to go to Epsom, I have heard the result of the Derby within about half a minute of the time when the horses passed the winning post! In addition to the news bulletins, time signals and weather forecasts are sent out regularly. The former are given at 10.30 a.m., at 4 p.m., at 7 p.m. and at 10 p.m., the 7 o'clock signal being the chimes of Big Ben, and the others the "six dot seconds," transmitted automatically by the clock at Greenwich Observatory. With a wireless receiving set in the house there need never be any uncertainty about the accuracy of clocks and Observatory. With a wireless receiving set in the house there need never be any uncertainty about the accuracy of clocks and watches. The weather forecasts are sent out at 7 p.m. and at 10 p.m. During the war the science of meteorology made immense strides, and the weather forecasts of to-day are, as a rule, extraordinarily accurate. It is scarcely necessary to remark upon their importance to dwellers in the country, whether their energies are devoted mainly to great the formula.

remark upon their importance to dwellers in the country, whether their energies are devoted mainly to sport or to farming.

Those who have no theoretical knowledge of wireless and are unfamiliar with the handling of a receiving set, need have no fears that they will not be able to obtain satisfactory results when the apparatus has been installed. The sets of a year or two ago were complicated affairs, often bristling with knobs and switches. The keynote of the modern wireless set is simplicity of control. Even the largest receiver will probably have but two dials, which require to be set in order to bring in a desired transmission. The best sets are furnished with simple, straightforward charts showing the reading to which each dial must be adjusted in order to tune in a given station. All that one has to do is to switch on the batteries and to turn the knobs attached to the dials until the readings indicated are the knobs attached to the dials until the readings indicated are reached. The wished for signal, if within the range of the set, will then be heard, though very small movements of the knobs this way or that way may be needed to bring it up to full strength.

this way or that way may be needed to bring it up to full strength. The present-day wireless set, if of good make, is simple to operate, requires very little attention and is quite reliable. It is not expensive to install in the first instance and the cost of its upkeep, even if it is in use for several hours every day, is very small indeed. As one who lives in the country I can fully appreciate the usefulness of the wireless set and the pleasure given by the entertainment which it provides. I am sure that no one who installs a set in a country house will ever regret having done so; rather he will ask himself after a very short experience of it why he did not make use long before of its services.

R. W. H.

NEWMARKET RACING SEASON ENDED

THE GREAT FRENCH DOUBLE EVENT

ACING at Newmarket in 1925 is ended. For many what remains of the season of flat racing has no sort of attraction. If they have any consolation it must be in the knowledge recently broadcast that during the winter months the Stewards of the Jockey Club will be effecting some notable improvements. Newmarket's splendid Rowley Mile course can be said to be too good, in the sense Rowley Mile course can be said to be too good, in the sense that it is wider than required for the greatest emergencies. The narrowing of it will be admirable in every sense. It will, I suggest, make for truer and fairer racing. What is taken off the width of the course must come into the public

and private enclosures.

Tattersalls' enclosure is too small on a big day, and the private stand now too cramped on any day. I am told by those trainers who have not the entrée to the private stand that the one set apart for trainers, jockeys and all sorts and varieties of "head lads" is most deficient. We are informed that another tier is to be constructed on the present stands. What with all this rebuilding and the urgent need of improvements on the July course, it would seem that the Stewards have undertaken to do what cannot possibly be completed during the next six months.

MASKED MARVEL'S CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Of the meeting that is just past I suppose the Cambridgeshire may be said to have been the outstanding feature. This was undoubtedly the case, if one judges by the crowd it attracted. In point of size it must have been double that which gathered on either of the other three days. Really, there is little to add to what is already known. Lots of people were told that Masked Marvel was considered by visitors from France to have a chance second to none, but they were not among his backers. Why? The answer is that they did not believe that the same owner could win both the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire with horses specially brought over from France, and Forseti had won the specially brought over from France, and Forseti had won the esarewitch for Mr. Macomber, together with a considerable

sum in bets.

Admittedly this thing had happened before. Foxhall is a classic instance of a three year old winning first the Cesarewitch and then the Cambridgeshire under his big penalty. Plaisanterie, a beautiful French mare, won both races in the same year. It is singular that these two instances should have been drawn from America and France respectively. The only English instance was when St. Gatien, in Mr. J. Hammond's colours, won the Cesarewitch in 1884, and then his mare, Florence, carrying the highest weight (9st. 1lb.) ever borne to victory, won the Cambridgeshire a fortnight later. Over forty years later racing is different in some essentials. For instance, there would seem to be keener competition as the result of more horses being in training, with, of course, more owners and trainers. It is why the threat of Masked Marvel's candidature for the big handicap of last week did not quite convince our stubborn home critics, especially as Twelve Pointer had done great things.

Masked Marvel won easily by a length. He carried 7st. 9lb., and I thought he would still have won had he been carrying another four or five pounds. It means, of course, that he must be a smart three year old over this distance to have won as he did under his weight. If I am right in my surmise, then we may agree that he had been too leniently handicapped. Our French friends may think we are getting peevish and grudging them their victory because we stress the fact of the handicapper having given Masked Marvel too little weight. Yet it must be a Admittedly this thing had happened before.

them their victory because we stress the fact of the handicapper having given Masked Marvel too little weight. Yet it must be a fact. The French people knew it. All connected with Masked Marvel's stable knew it, for they betted as if they had no superstitious doubts about Fate's disinclination to permit of the double event being brought off. We have been told of a double event wager of £50,000 to £100. That is not a fairy story. It was actually laid by a reputable firm of starting price bookmakers, and it has, no doubt, been paid over before these notes are in the possession of the reader.

ession of the reader.

I do not suppose this speedy horse stands more than 15 hands I do not suppose this speedy noise stands more than 15 hands 2½ins., but what he may lack in height he makes up for in his strong muscular development, especially across the back and loins. What struck me, too, about him, both before and after the race, was his marked quality. I should say, therefore, he has all the attributes of making an excellent sire. Really I do not recall a Cambridgeshire about which there was less to write. After all, the winner was always in the picture. That tearaway After all, the winner was always in the picture. That tearaway light-weight, Mademoiselle M., and perhaps Brighter London, might have led him in the first furlong or two, but after that it was Masked Marvel's race all the way. Towards the close of the wagering there was no better backed horse in the race, and I can well believe the authority who assured me that practically every bookmaker on the course was a loser over the race.

Twelve Pointer, of course, did not set up a new record, and I cannot say that he ever held out any hope that he might do so. Vet it can be said for him that he ran fairly well believe merely.

Yet it can be said for him that he ran fairly well, being merely killed by the tremendous pace and, of course, the necessity of engaging in a desperate race under his big weight of 9st. 5lb. right from the rise of the tapes. He may conceivably show us, at Liverpool towards the end of next week, that he is the high-class handicapper we thought him before his failure last week.

He has been set a stiff task in this Liverpool Autumn Cup race, but not so formidable, I am sure, as was the case in the Cambridge-shire. For instance, there is no French horse there with something

shire. For instance, there is no French noise there with something like 7lb. short of his proper weight. Shades of Sir Galla'had, Epinard (at Goodwood), Tapin and Masked Marvel!

A very few lines must suffice to deal with others. Mr. S. B. Joel imparted a touch of the dramatic when, within half S. B. Joel imparted a touch of the dramatic when, within half an hour of the race, he purchased the three year old Pons Asinorum for a fairly substantial sum, plus a contingency. He did this, of course, because he believed this colt to have a considerable chance. He amply proved it by running second, beaten only a length. Half a length away was Blue Pete in Sir William Cooke's colours. He had been well backed each way. Conquistador ran very badly indeed, and Lord Derby may now regret that he did not consider his own feelings and withdraw him in the belief that an easy time now would be belieful to be regret that he did not consider his own feelings and withdraw him in the belief that an easy time now would be helpful to his four year old career. Verdict, too, failed dismally. According to her jockey, Beary, she just "closed down" while still capable of much more. This was her way of asking for retirement to stud life. Another French horse in Coram was fourth, while of the beaten lot I would be disposed particularly to bear in mind Pons Asinorum and Brighter London, at handicap weights, of course, the latter over not more than about a mile. The last was seen of Sansovino. Lord Derby only took his Derby winner out of the Cambridgeshire on the Monday, and on the Thursday exploited him for the Jockey Club Cup over the Cesarewitch course. He broke down before the journey was completed, and had to be removed to a veterinary establishment in a float. The suspensory ligament of his near fore leg had gone. It meant the end of the racing career of a horse that must have been very good indeed on the day when he won the Derby so easily.

that must have been very good indeed on the day when he won the Derby so easily.

That race for the Jockey Club Cup was a race in fact as well as name. Bucellas won it for Mr. J. P. Hornung by a short head from another three year old in Sir Abe Bailey's Foxlaw. So we see that the winner is still improving, as he always promised to do with time, for he was a big overgrown colt that could not possibly be matured until late in his racing life. He was fancied to a limited extent for the Two Thousand Guinesa and Derby, and it may be that his trainer began to lose heart about him, but Mr. Hornung always maintained that the colt would not see his best day until he was a four year old. I feel quite sure he is right in that estimate. It is indicated by the story of his career. At any rate the son of Buchan and Wendela will have splendid opportunities because he is one of those which are reacted as in this country, he appears to be a graying nave splendid opportunities because he is one of those which are rare to-day in this country: he appears to be a genuine stayer. Plack was a very fair third to the three year olds for this Cup race, and it is now stated that she is to remain in training for another year. I may add that this is the second Jockey Club Cup won for Mr. Hornung. His previous winner was the mare Nippon, by Santoi. She is now at his stud at West Grinstead Park in Sussex.

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Grinstead Park in Sussex.

The filly Spinel Ruby, giving as much as 10lb., dead-heated with the grey Stefan the Great colt, Rosehearty, for the Criterion Stakes of six furlongs; Review Order won the Dewhurst Stakes; Legionnaire just beat Apple Sammy for the Moulton Stakes; Harpagon made an excellent impression when he won the Maiden race for two year olds; Pharon won the Free Handicap for two year olds for Sir J. Rutherford; Devachon won the New Nursery under about top weight; and Stasiarch secured the Houghton Stakes of a mile. They were the outstanding two year old winners of the meeting. Review Order had little to do, but, being a naturally lazy sort, he had to be well roused up before he finally settled Bicarbonate and Hercules, and three others. On the whole this was a disappointing race.

THE BEST OF THE FILLIES.

Spinel Ruby showed us that she must be about the best of her sex. It may be that Moti Mahal, Bella Minna and Devachon would be better fancied were the four to meet, but Spinel Ruby would not lack for friends. She is rather leggy and narrow, and scarcely gives the idea of training on, though

and narrow, and scarcely gives the idea of training on, though I prefer to keep an open mind about that.

Legionnaire showed brilliant speed over the five furlongs to beat Apple Sammy, and these two must be about the best of their age and sex, leaving Coronach out of the question. As Apple Sammy probably lost the better part of a length at the start and was catching the winner close home, it is reasonable to assume that he would have won at a longer distance. Legionnaire, as I have stated before, is apparently touched in his wind. There is a chance it may clear up; the probabilities are that it will not do so, which is much to be deplored, for in him

it will not do so, which is much to be deplored, for in him Lord Woolavington has bred a strikingly impressive colt. I see a great resemblance in him to his sire Phalaris.

Harpagon is a newcomer by Pommern from Harpoon, and sufficiently good looking to give Sir George Bullough much hope of his future. Stasiarch won for Lord Howard de Walden over this severe mile because Pillion, in Mr. A. de Rothschild's colours, weakened in the last stride or two. This is the race for which Twelve Pointer and Pharos were first and second respectively three years ago. respectively three years ago. PHILIPPOS.



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A RECORD OF ARMOUR SALES

A Record of Armour Sales, 1881-1924, by F. H. Cripps-Day. (G. Bell

and Sons, £5 5s.)

HIS is essentially a book for the collector as distinct from the student of arms and armour, for it records solely the transference of certain details of military equipment, mostly fine examples of craftsmanship,

from one owner to another. Few collectors have attempted lectors have attempted to amass specimens which would illustrate the development of armour and weapons from the earliest times up to the end of the sixteenth century; indeed, the extreme scarcity of the earliest examples makes this well nigh impossible. carriest examples makes this well nigh impossible, and it is only from the latter part of the fifteenth century that we can begin our studies from actual examples rather then from monuments or than from monuments or illuminated manuscripts. As the author wisely points out, it would be a sheer impossibility to reproduce all the sale catalogues extant before the year 1881, which he takes as his starting point, but at the same time he himself would probably be the first to admit that these early sales, where records exist, are of more value as indicating the pro-venance of a piece than those of more recent

The most interesting part of the work before us is the introduction us is the introduction which records with meticulous care the names of collectors, amateurs and dilettanti from the days of Verres to the most recent enthusiasts of the United States. It is hardly permissible to include great princes or include great princes or military leaders in the category of true col-lectors, any more than one would consider the recipient of frequent honours or decorations at the present day to be a collector of medals. Armour in the sixteenth century was a necessity for the fighting man and the perfection of his equipment was regulated less or more as his rank or income allowed. It was only in the seven-teenth century, when armour had come to be discarded, that the shrewd and cultured

amateur realised that these splendid, but obsolete panoplies were worth preserving as works of art; and it was not till Sir Samuel Meyrick led the way at the beginning of the nineteenth century that the serious student of arms and armour arose and found more beauty of craftsmanship in a plain "Gothic" suit than in the tortured bijouterie of Pefenhauser, or Picinino. Nowadays, it is to be regretted that the "investor" has invaded the field, buying solely on the chance of the American market offering a fair profit on his deal. In the early periods of collecting, and even down to our own

THE SO-CALLED FRANCOIS IER SUIT. Now in the Metropolitan Museum, N.Y., formally at Strawberry Hill.

even down to our own times, there were those who were not content with fine arms and armour as examples of military equipment or of mintary equipment of of craftsmanship, but must needs attach personal attributions which were generally wrong and often ridiculous in the extreme. The Tower was a flagrant offender in the eighteenth cen-tury, and labelled sixtury, and labelled sixteenth century armour as "John of Gaunt," and portrayed its celebrated "line of Kings," from William the Conqueror in Elizabethan armour to George II in a decorated suit of the beginning of the seventeenth century. In recent years we have experienced the sword of the Black Prince and the Black Prince and the armour of Joan of Arc as traps for the unwary, and notable collectors have not been guiltless in this respect. Mr. Cripps-Day's "Introduction" is fascinating and instructive, and his copious foot-notes show how earnestly he has studied his subject. One can but hope that he will can but hope that he will continue his researches, as, for example, into the identity of Rawle of the Strand, who owned the splendid helmet of Sir Henry Lee, now in the Tower, and possibly the gauntlet of the same suit, now in the possession of the Armourers' Company. Rawle was an accoutrement maker by trade, and his stock in the eighteenth century must have consisted to an appreciable extent of cut steel, a favourite method of ornamenting sword hilts and buckles. Now, cut steel was one of the special industries

of Woodstock, and Woodstock is a near neighbour to Ditchley, whence were sold as old iron all Sir Henry Lee's armours, at an average price of 5s. 11\(\frac{3}{4}\)d. each; so here may be an explanation of Rawle's ownership of these fine specimens. It is impossible to mention all the notable amateurs recorded in this work. Nieuwerkere Wallace Brett. mention all the notable amateurs recorded in this work, Nieuwerkerke, Wallace, Brett, Spitzer, Dino and a host of others; for though most of these are familiar names to all students of the subject, nowhere else will be found this galaxy of armour-lovers collected into a complete record, which for future generations must prove of great use and interest.

The latter part of the book is devoted.

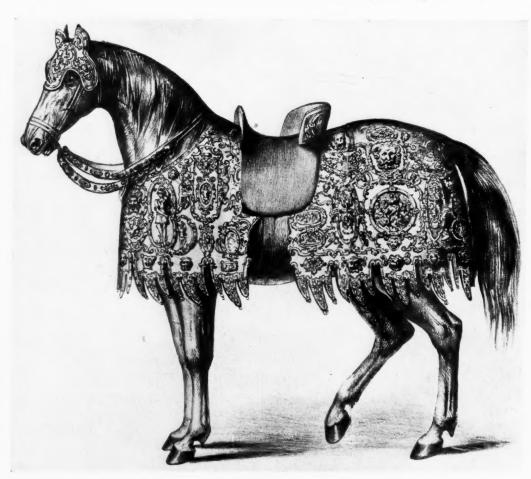
and interest.

The latter part of the book is devoted to sale catalogues, and here the interest begins to flag. It is difficult to understand why such succinct entries as "Crossbows," "Firearms," "Swords" and "Daggers" are reprinted from the Londesborough Sale, to take one example, without any indication of their distinguishing features. When we come to the subject of prices, there are still further mysteries to be unravelled. Why, for example, are most of the prices given in the Gurney sale, but one entry marked "Now in a private Collection," with no price given? The same omissions may be noted the Gurney sale, but one entry marked "Now in a private Collection," with no price given? The same omissions may be noted in the Breadalbane sale, but here the unpriced specimens are marked with the name of their present owner. Price itself gives no indication whatever of the intrinsic value of the specimen, though it may cause heart-burnings in the breasts of those who have bought recently to find out the prices they might have paid if they had collected twenty years ago. The war has changed, and even destroved, all sense of money value. It is related that at a dinner given after the Bernal sale, a member of the firm of Christies said, "Never again shall we see such prices, the high water mark of armour has been reached"; and yet one fine suit was sold at this sale for a hundred pounds, and its twin brother fetched, during the war, over £3,000. A work of such dimensions and so replete with research may be criticised from many points of view, according to the needs or tastes of the critic, but it



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GLASS-HUNTER'S BACKWATER

HERE are two sides to most things in this world, and to collecting there are considerably more than two, varying with the character, means and aspirations of the victim whom the virus of collecting has attacked. I must have succumbed at a very early age, for I can hardly remember the time when I was not in the throes of some collection or other. The disease ran its course through shells, pressed flowers, butterflies and moths—moths which emerged from the chrysalis when some other collection was to the fore, and died a miserable and stuffy death in forgotten cardboard boxes on the top shelf of the toy cupboard. Crests—as dull a collecting mania as postage stamps was interesting: the stamps remain unto this day. A sea-water aquarium—with anemones, shrimps, prawns, crabs and "rock fish," a species I have never been able to identify. The aquarium was not a popular feature in the house. Like the moths, it was liable to suffer from neglect, and when neglected proclaimed the negligence of the curator with no uncertain smell.

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Later on in life, shoes, sandals and footgear generally of the countries I had been to; children's shoes for choice, being more characteristic and less bulky than those of the elders; and last, as the true mistress of my heart (all the rest being mere flirtations, lightly taken up and lightly dropped), old English table-glass. What there is about old glass I cannot define, but to its devotees there is a subtle charm which, unlike that of aquariums, increases with the years, and it has the further advantage that it may be the poor man's hobby as truly as the rich man's passion. In fact, I think that the poor man has the best of it. A piece of old glass picked up on the back shelf of a marine store gives more solid satisfaction than the high-priced Old Pretender goblet which is merely the prey of the longest purse.

purse.

The wineglass in all its many and varied beauties and hideosities of stem (for I am Philistine enough to see no beauty in some of the red, green and white spirals) has its certain and fixed place and value in the world of collectors and dealers—more value, alas! when it is in the hands of the dealer than when it stands on the collector's shelf, as some of us know to our cost; but there is one form of glass which has always hidden its head among the proud aristocracy of the tall-stem glasses,



-- HOGARTH GLASSES ROUND A "CAPTAIN" ON A COMPORT.

and yet which, to me, has always had a great attraction. I refer to what is now generally known as the Hogarth. A stumpy little fellow, I admit, and yet a little fellow with character and sturdy independence, and a resolute determination not to die out. His lineal descendants may be seen to-day in the china and glass shops, much closer to type than the modern machine-made wineglass is to the baluster of 1780. In these degenerate Pussyfoot days it is true that his ratio vivendi has changed, and it is no longer a ratio bibendi, and that he now holds custard or the remains of vesterday's jelly instead of the potent beverages.

and it is no longer a ratio bibendi, and that he now holds custard or the remains of yesterday's jelly instead of the potent beverages of his ancestors; still, there he stands, a Hogarth in all but name; and if he, in the consciounesss of his virtue, sticks out one arm with his hand in his pocket, and proclaims himself a custard-cup, did not his grandfather, the mug, do the same? No one could call a mug virtuous, though, as a teacup, he might gather to himself all the virtues that there are.

But here we are brought face to

But here we are brought face to face with another puzzle, because the early Hogarth—which to us, as was the primrose to Peter Bell, a simple wineprimrose to Peter Bell, a simple wine-glass is and nothing more—has an offi-shoot, differing in no way from the Hogarth, except in the possession of a handle (Fig. 4). Does this bear the same relation to the Hogarth as the beer mug does to the tumbler? The handle seems rather a useless excrescence, unless the glass was to contain hot mulled wine, a glass was to contain hot mulled wine, a risky cargo one would think, from the well known tendency of glass to "fly" under the influence of sudden heat. But there, the thing exists, and we may make what we can of it. Again, to make confusion worse confounded, we have (Fig. 3) the two-handled Hogarth, syllabub or jelly-glass, call it what you will. Why two handles? It cannot have been a Lilliputian loving cup. The handles will two nandles? It cannot have been a Lilliputian loving cup. The handles will only admit one finger, in some specimens not even that. These do not seem to come under the catalogue of freak pieces, come under the catalogue of freak pieces, since too many of them survive. They cannot be ceremonial pieces, as were probably some of the large two-handled loving cups modelled on contemporary silver. A glass whose stature does not exceed four and a half inches, standing in ceremonial grandeur on a sideboard! Why, then, the two handles? What is the solution?

There is a theory that Hogarth

There is a theory that Hogarth glasses were intended to be grouped round a large glass of the sweetmeat type, called a Captain, on one of those balusterstemmed, flat-topped comports (Fig. 1), ancestor of the cakestands in dull moulded glass which we may see in any confectioner's window. I can imagine that was so after the Hogarth had ceased to be a wineglass, when the comport stood on the table; but a comport is a very unhandy



2.—The "Hogarth" wineglass.

3.—A two-handled glass.
All circa 1730.

4.-A single-handled glass.



"wrythen" bowl and 6.—A bell bowl with a ball 7.—A double ogee bowl and domed pressed foot. stem.

sort of tray on which to hand round wine; and if it were handed round, what was the function of the big glass in the centre? An embarrassing choice for a thirsty guest. Perhaps the answer is that the Hogarth was a kind of vitreous Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, now roystering with the topers, and now, filled with less ardent contents, standing in all decorum on its comport.

Then, too, comes an added interest to the problem, the skeleton in the glass-cupboard of the virtuous custard-cup. How many generations ago did his ancestors finally forsake the errors of their bibulous ways? Obviously, when we first knew the genus, they were wineglasses, and wineglasses only. Was it in the reaction from the excesses of the Regency, in the prunes and prisms Victorian era, that they took the blue ribbon? I have one specimen (Fig. 6) which proclaims its indecorum to the world, and swathes its head with a wreath of grapes and vine leaves, though it has the decency to bedew its foot with tears. In fact, one might almost go so far as to say that a tearbedewed foot is an infallible proof of an alcoholic past. I would not go so far as to say that the absence of tears proclaims the custard-cup. It may only portend the hardened and impenitent custard-cup. It may only portend the hardened and impenitent sinner.

The typical Hogarth (Fig. 6), so called from its figuring in that master's more Bacchanalian works, is most usually a bell bowl on a domed foot. The foot may have a sort of glass marble in lieu of a stem, the marble being either plain glass or ornamented with tears, those little bubbles of air blown into the glass, or, much more rarely, a spiral air twist. I have never come across a Hogarth with a folded foot, though probably they exist; but a folded rim to the bowl is not very uncommon.

The double ogee form of bowl, as in the tall stem wineglasses, is a much less usual shape than the bell (Fig. 7).

The foot of a Hogarth often shows a pressed surface, and this form of foot is, I think, almost invariably associated with a bowl with flutes or ribs, either straight up or slightly spiral, the so-called wrythen bowl (Fig. 5) often seen in glasses hailing from the city of Liége. Sometimes one comes across Hogarths in which the bowl as well as the foot is covered with a pressed network pattern. network pattern.

There is also a sort of bastard Hogarth in which the bowl, generally a straight-sided one, rises directly from a plain, rather flat foot. These, to my mind, are rather lacking in character, and I cannot imagine why the man who blew them, blew them in that poor and tasteless shape. It would have been very little more trouble to have given the foot a high instep, if not the more high-born dome. However, the thing will hold wine, and that is its main raison d'être.

wine, and that is its main raison d'ette. We now come to the glasses that are manifestly jelly-glasses, those with a cut, vandyked edge. Of course, it is not impossible to drink out of them, but it would not be comfortable, and it is unthinkable that the glass-cutter would spend time and trouble in making a glass less suitable for the purpose for which it was intended than it was when originally blown.

Generalising is always unsafe, and especially so with regard to glass, as the turning out of some hidden glass-cupboard may stultify the wisdom of the wise; but it would be fairly safe to say, with the Irishman, that if a Hogarth is cut, it is not a Hogarth, but a jelly-glass, and with the jelly-glass we may bring the subject to a blameless conclusion.

G. H. WILSON.

AND MAHOGANY CHAIRS OAK

MONG the objects from Sir George Donaldson's collection is a fine early mahogany chair, of which the shaped back is carved with scale pattern at the top, and the pierced vase-shaped splat with foliate flower sprays. The cabriole front legs, which are hipped on to the seat, are very boldly carved with leafage and flowers, and finish in scroll feet, while an acanthus pendant breaks the line of the seat rail. This chair, and a mahogany chair in the Chinese taste, in which the legs and angle brackets are pierced and carved in Chinese frets, and partly gilt, have been acquired by Messrs. Waring and Gillow of Oxford Street.

Until the close of the seventeenth century intercourse by road between country districts was difficult, and marked local types are traceable in fixed woodwork, such as wainscot, pulpits and choir stalls in, say, Devonshire and East Anglia; with furniture which can be removed from one district to another the ascription of local styles is to be practised with reservation, but certain types of chairs can be traced to certain districts, which were, until lately, rarely met with outside that district. There are, for instance, in Scottish woodwork and architecture, together with certain direct evidences of French

for instance, in Scottish woodwork and architecture, together with certain direct evidences of French influence, somewhat heavy-handed and sturdy characteristics, expressing the efforts of some "honest Scot, discovering and, on the whole, surmounting, the difficulties of design." The French influence upon Scottish art is noticeable in the popularity of the narrowbacked armchair, known at present as the cacqueteuse. This chair, a "conversation" chair, was conthe popularity of the narrow-backed armchair, known at present as the cacqueteuse. This chair, a "conversation" chair, was considerably more portable than the current type owing to the lightness of its underframing and to its narrow (sometimes wedge-shaped) back. This type persisted in Scotland until the last years of the seventeenth century, as is evidenced by dated examples. A cacqueteuse chair, dated 1612, from the Bishops' Palace, St. Andrews, is exhibited in the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, and among the interesting collection belonging to the Aberdeen Incorporated Trades in Trinity Hall, Aberdeen, is a similar type, dated 1634, which was given in that year, and inscribed with the legend "My soul prais thou the Lord." Among later examples are chairs with the similar outward-bowed arms, and narrow crested back.

Among Sir George Donaldson's collection were two of this type. In the first, the back is composed of a raised panel carved with an elaborate guilloche in

very low relief, the uprights are incised, and the top rail surmounted by a small scrolled cresting centring in a finial; the outward-bowed arms are supported upon turned uprights. The wide front rail and the two sides are supported upon arched compartments, with an additional support in the centre, so that the chair is sevenlegged. Somewhat simpler in design is an oak armchair from the same collection (now in the possession of Messrs. Waring and Gillow), which also has the wide front supported by an additional baluster in the centre, and narrow panel back crested with a lunette.

An oak cabinet of small size resting upon a stand, with spiral legs and stretchers, is interest-

An oak cabinet of small size resuing upon a stand, with spiral legs and stretchers, is interesting from the inlay of bone and mother-o'-pearl in the form of formal flowers and scrolls, which enriches it. Such inlay, dating from the second half of the seventeenth century, appears to have been a speciality of the Eastern counties. Graceful oval or octagonal work tables

continued to be made from the late eighteenth to the early nineteenth century, and are illustrated by Sheraton and George Smith. These are usually provided with a pouch, and are defined by Sheraton as "A table with a bag, used by ladies to work at, in which bag they deposit their fancy needlework," these bags being suspended to a frame which draws forwards. The Sheraton satinwood table at Messrs. Waring and Gillow has an octagon top inlaid with borders, and containing a drawer; either end is supported by a lyre of brass, resting upon satinwood feet, an instance of the increasing use of cast brass detail at this period. this period.

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ently the only known copy in which the argument in found accompanying the first title.

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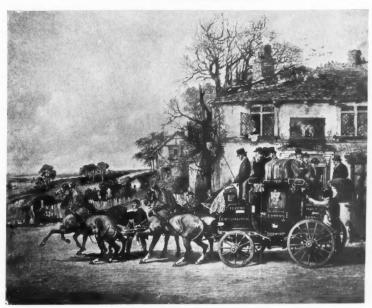
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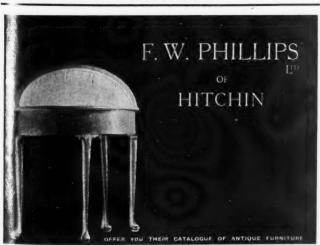
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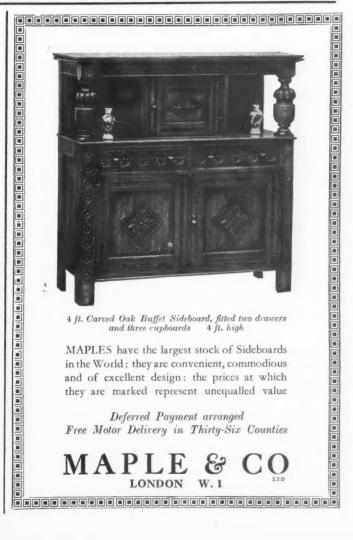
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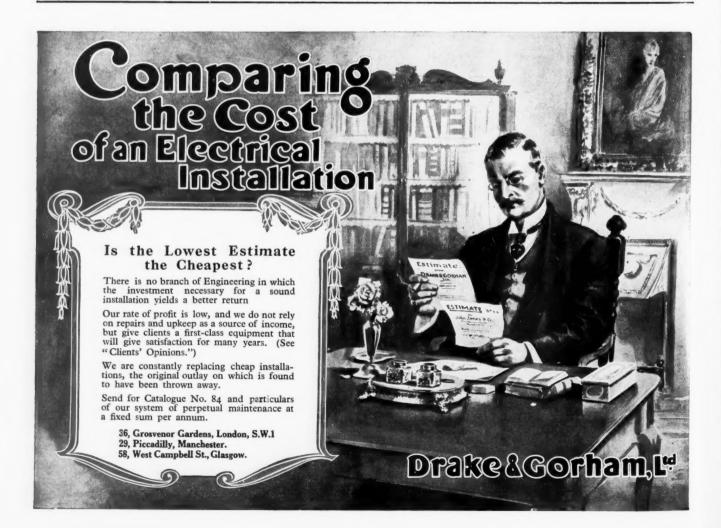
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THE ESTATE MARKET

TENDENCY FIRM

HE demand for most types of real estate is fully up to the supply, which is certainly not unlimited, and it says much for the fair-mindedness of owners and their agents that prices have not been advanced in lead degree against pressective pure it says much for the fair-mindedness of owners and their agents that prices have not been advanced in any marked degree against prospective purchasers. In other words, it is still easy to acquire real estate on terms which need give no uneasiness to holders as to the chance of getting their money back in the event of a re-sale. Therein is one of the attractive features of entry into that particular market, the possibility of enjoying the ownership and use of a property for a while and then disposing of it for as much as, and maybe more, than was paid for it. Of a great class of houses the statement is unquestionable, that buying is more economical in the long run than renting. Naturally, the full advantage of ownership expressed in terms of a balance sheet is not to be expected where the tenure is brief, but of that fine type of house broadly comprised in the term the "lesser country house," residential ownership for a few years justifies the assertion so often heard from owners, "It does not owe me a penny, we have had the value out of it as rent." Agents have no difficulty in demonstrating that purchase to-day is a thoroughly wise, economic step to take. None can say that the current prices of really excellent residences very accessible from town are otherwise than moderate, and the steady stream of selling proves that buyers so regard them.

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THE announcement that an offer to take a tenancy of Fonthill Abbey as a furnished house would be considered, is the second of the courses outlined in the latest announcement by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, respecting the property, the other being a sale by private treaty. There is excellent shooting on the estate of over 2,000 acres, as well as hunting with three packs of hounds, and the advantage of being within an easy run of the Blackmore Vale. Fonthill is a house of curious and, on the whole, agreeable history, for, if it has suffered more often than most from fire, the rapidity with which it has been reinstated has plainly testified to the prosperity of successions. has suffered more often than most from fire, the rapidity with which it has been reinstated has plainly testified to the prosperity of successive owners. Fonthill was described, with illustrations, in Country Life (December 28th, 1901, page 840). The Abbey's history is unlike that of any other house in England. Of old it was the baronial seat of the Giffards, the Mandevilles and the Mervyns. The original house was burned down, and its successor, erected by the Cottingtons in 1650, shared a like fate, after it had been bought, in 1755, by Beckford. That did not dishearten the City Alderman and twice Lord Mayor, the friend and supporter of Wilkes. He retained Wyatt to design another house for him. The foundation stone was laid in 1797, the cost of the seat being computed at roundly a quarter of a million sterling. That house fell, not to fire, but to the equally devastating results of neglect. In 1823 the estate, with the contents of the house, cost Mr. Farquhar close upon £300,000. Later the property was divided, and one of the houses that arose on what had been the undivided domain of Alderman Beckford, was built for the Duke of Westminster. In 1901 it was the seat of Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart. Some three or four years ago outlying portions of the estate were offered by Messrs. Rawlence and Squarey. Mr. Walter Shaw-Stewart is the present owner.

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No. 9, Connaught Place, Hyde Park, has been sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley. The firm has also sold the Crown lease of No. 16, Chester Terrace, Regent's Park.

Tilton, near Battle, which has been disposed of by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, in conjunction with Mr. Parker, is a house dating from the seventeenth century, with old Sussex cottages and beautiful park land.

Fryston Hall estate, Pontefract, will be offered by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley this month. The property, 340 acres, includes Fryston Hall, in a well timbered park, and it is ripe for development.

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The Bungalow, Rivington, the Lancashire property of the late Viscount Leverhulme, was submitted by the firm on Thursday at Manchester. The sale of the collection of works of art at the Bungalow and Rivington

Hall, commences next Monday and will last for seven days.

The collection of Lieut,-Colonel Sir Henry Webb, Bt., which Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley are selling on November 26th and 27th, includes the panel of ancient Flemish tapestry depicting the meeting of Jacob and Esau which formerly belonged to the Armstrones of Jedburgh and came from the house resau which formerly belonged to the Armstrongs of Jedburgh, and came from the house close to Jedburgh Abbey. Mary Queen of Scots lodged there in 1566, while she held a Justice Court and assembled a Parliament within a few months of Lord Darnley's murder. The panel remained in the house. It was seen there by Queen Victoria in 1867, and was not moved until Sir Henry acquired it some fifteen months ago.

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ANNAN, Framfield, three miles from Uckfield, was to have been offered on Wednesday at the Mart by Messrs. Curtis and Henson, but they effected a private sale beforehand. Annan is a modern house, and it has been bought for private occupation. The 537 acres of Annan include Annandale, the splendid farm which is identified with the famous Annandale herd of shorthorns. There is a lot of fine timber of a thoroughly healthy and thriving character on the estate, and as a sporting estate Annan is very good, from 1,000 to 1,500 pheasants having been reared every year before the war. The oak galleried staircase at Annan is of grand proportions and a good example of modern craftsmanship and design. The house is about twenty-five years old.

Of a dozen residential properties advertised in Country Life in a couple of auctions, by Messrs. Giddy and Giddy, six changed hands before the appointed date, and five of the remaining properties found buyers at or within a few days of the auctions. The sales with seven others, making in all nineteen, are recited in some detail in the Supplement to Country Life. In some cases the firm acted in conjunction with other well known agents, among them Messrs. Norfolk and Prior, in selling the early eighteenth century house at Cirencester known as The Beeches; with Messrs. Mann and Co. in regard to a Woking estate; and with Mr. Herbert Winship as to the Georgian property at Esher, of 2 acres, called The Manor House; and with Messrs. J. M. Welch and Son in selling Great Canfield Park, near Bishops Stortford. Some of the properties run to as much as 275 acres.

Co-operation with other agents is noticeable in a long list of sales by Messrs. Harrods, Limited, who have disposed of the leases of a number of country house, also of a Farnham property, Stonborough House, with Mr. Reginald C. S. Evennett; Stoke House, Beaconsfield, with Mr. A. C. Frost; and Crabtree, a Hampshire house and 5 acres at Headley.

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VISCOUNT PORTMAN has not given very long notice of his intention to dispose of the contents of Bryanston, Blandford. The auction will last a fortnight, beginning on Tuesday, November 24th, and it will be conducted by Messrs. Powell and Co. The old English furniture, pictures and china are noteworthy, but especial attention will doubtless be focussed on the library, which is very large and full of treasures. The engravings are of much interest.

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Mr. H. C. T. Hambro has bought The Hyde, Harpenden, from Sir John Lane Harrington, Messrs. George Trollope and Sons acting for the vendor. The Hyde is a Georgian mansion of some distinction, seated high up in a beautifully wooded park, with home farm and other land, the whole extending to 300 acres. In recent years this seat had been the residence of the late Earl of Albemarle, and of the late Dowager Countess of Iddesleigh.

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Included in their recent sales by private treaty, Messrs. Frank Lloyd and Sons announce that of Ebnal House, Malpas, and 6 acres.

The gardens are a remarkable feature of a Cotswold residential property which has just been placed in the hands of Messrs. Norfolk and Prior for disposal. It is called Forty Acres, Avening, near Tetbury, and stands high up on the Cotswolds, conveniently placed for hunting with the Duke of Beaufort's and the V.W.H., polo, shooting and fishing in the vicinity. It is a picturesque,

modern, stone residence, equipped with all the latest conveniences, and having wrought oak doors throughout. A colonnade com-municates with a tea house or garden room, and oak doors throughout. A colonnade communicates with a tea house or garden room, and there is one of the most exquisite small sunk rock and water gardens in the country. The grounds, including two paddocks, extend to 7½ acres, and in order to effect an immediate sale, "the price has been reduced to half the original cost of construction in 1920." Illustrated particulars have been prepared.

In the New Forest there are few more attractive or beautifully situated houses than Rings, Beaulieu, which Messrs. Hampton and Sons are to offer for sale. Built in prewar days, it stands on a site which comprised about 17 acres of virgin forest.

Wakehill, a charmingly placed residential property, with 18 acres of land, near Ilminster, Somerset, has been disposed of to Brigadier-General Lock, who intends taking up his residence there, by Messrs. C. R. Morris, Sons and Peard.

QUEEN'S HILL, ASCOT HEATH.

THE executors of the late Colonel Guy St. Aubyn have instructed Messrs. Winkworth and Co. to sell the freehold at Ascot known as Queen's Hill. Colonel St. Aubyn, during the last few years of his life, spent many thousands of pounds on improving the house and it is now considered one of the

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Messrs. Clark and Manfield have just been instructed to offer the Tillworth estate, near Axminster, for sale in lots. The auction will probably take place this month. The estate extends to 800 acres, and consists of Tillworth House and grounds, small dairy farms, a number of small holdings, good pasture and a large quantity of thriving timber. The estate is in the patish of Hawkchurch, three miles from the market town. The firm has sold Hill Cottage, Addlestone; and The Hollies, overlooking the Balcombe Forest.

Messrs. Squire, Herbert and Co. have sold The Hermitage, Tatsfield, five acres, and The Limes, Datchworth, near Knebworth, the latter in conjunction with Mr. Fowler.

The Blaston Hall estate, near Uppingham

Fowler.

The Blaston Hall estate, near Uppingham and Market Harborough, comprising house and 58 acres, advertised to be offered by auction by Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock this week, has been let on lease, and the auction is therefore cancelled.

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freehold of 24 acres, conveniently situated for anyone hunting with the Bicester and other packs, will come under the hammer of Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock at the London Mart on November 18th, by order of Mrs. Mac taggart Brown.

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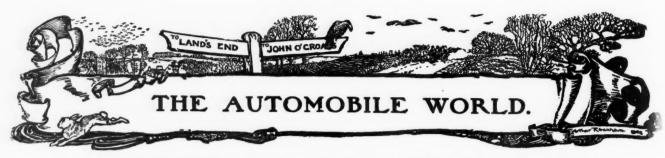
A very interesting small Cotswold estate, known as Cottswold Farm, near Cirencester, has been sold by Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock and Messrs. Bruton Knowles and Co., acting as joint agents. The house has been restored in recent years, and is panelled almost throughout. It occupies a beautiful situation in the centre of the estate of 450 acres. Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock have sold, prior to auction, advertised for the 29th inst., the residential and agricultural estate known as Manor Farm, Tadmarton, near Banbury, an old manorial residence, with fine old tithe barn and 77 acres.

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Conversion into flats is contemplated in the case of St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster, which has been acquired by Mr. Ernest Yates, Messrs. Hampton and Sons acting for the owners. During the war the hotel of about 500 rooms was turned into Government offices for the National Service and similar departments. It afterwards became the property, by purchase for £350,000, of Messrs. Vickers, Limited. Messrs. Hampton and Sons submitted the establishment to auction in February, 1924.

Sir Henry Webb's house, No. 2, Seymour Street, has been sold by Messrs. Collins and Collins. This is a very attractive residence, facing south, one door from Portman Square, and the sale follows closely on that of No. 4, Seymour Street, a beautifully decorated house, lately owned by Lord Kenmare.

Arbiter.



CAR SPEED ANDTHE OWNER-DRIVER

HE? topic of the ultimate and average speeds of which a car and its driver are capable is as old as motoring and as fresh. Wherever motorists foregather yarns of great distances covered in remarkable such the point of the poin yarns of great distances covered in remarkably quick time begin to spin, and the faster they spin the more powerful and impressive they become. No self-respecting fisherman would venture to intrude in such a company, far less to indulge those flights of fancy for which followers of Old Izaak have long been famous and in which they have until recently been without peer. To-day the imagination of the ordinary man takes its wildest flights, not over the size of a trout, but the number of seconds there were in the covering of a given mile; or perhaps it may be in the length of some of those miles that have been so fleetly covered.

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Not the least amusing aspect of these stories is the simple and implicit faith that their narrators manifest in their veracity. I know a man who is never tired of telling how he habitually drives his 10.5 h.p. four-seater light car from a point just north of London to Coventry—eighty miles—in precisely two Coventry—eighty miles—in precisely two hours, along the main road and during the busy hours of the day. And he believes it! No one else does, at least believes it! No one else does, at least not anyone who knows the car and the road, and so perhaps no harm is done. And yet I fear that much harm really is done by these stories. Jones has just bought a popular small car like the one you have yourself and he soon comes along to tell you that he did an extrate of five to tell you that he did a stretch of five miles without once dropping below

55 m.p.h. You know that, expert at the wheel as you are, you cannot by any means get your speedometer needle to pass the 48 m.p.h. mark even for a few seconds. the 48 m.p.h. mark even for a few seconds. Either you come to the conclusion that you cannot drive after all, in spite of fondly cherished beliefs, or that this X.Y.Z. car that Jones and you own varies very much in its individual performances and the capabilities of one are no reliable indication of those of another. In other words, that it is an erratic car of which the performance record in any respect may be highly problematical. In either case the result is a certain amount of unhappiness and possibly some bad business or a lost customer to a car maker.

SWIFT STORIES.

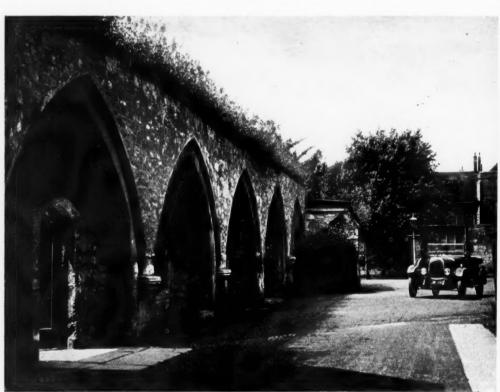
It is impossible to get at the true explanation of these startling speed stories. Nine times out of ten the teller has nothing to gain by distorting the facts, in the tenth case he knows that his possible advantage—as when he is interested in the sale of a car—is so palpable that his tale is severely discounted almost before he starts. In other cases the tales are told of performances over roads that everyone knows make even feeble imitations of the claimed feats quite impossible. everyone knows make even teeble imitations of the claimed feats quite impossible. The example cited above of the run along the Holyhead Road for eighty miles towards Coventry is a case in point. And then there is the question of the car itself. The maximum speed of the cartiself, are not used in this ellegal exploit. car itself. The maximum speed of the particular car used in this alleged exploit is about 49–51 m.p.h., and here is an owner-driver claiming an average of 40 m.p.h. No one would urge that under

certain conditions such a performance might not be put up on that very road. If the road were cleared for a race and if one of the competitors were Major Seagrave with his racing Talbot, one would be justified in asking him how many daisies he had collected if he were not home in very much under the hour. But that is different, that is not a touring car driven by an ordinary driver when there is plenty of other traffic on the road.

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As is well known, a car must be capable of a very much higher speed for a short burst than it can hope to average over a fairly long distance. In the case of ordinary touring cars the average speed attainable by an ordinary driver taking normal precautions not to endanger himself or anyone else on the highway is about 60 per cent. of the ultimate or maximum speed with a very definite limit imposed on the average speed possible by the conditions ruling on the roads. Thus given a fair open road, a car capable of a mile a minute as its maximum speed might be expected to cover forty miles in the hour, but in England at least the opportunities of attaining such an average speed for a whole hour are extremely rare. Road plan and contour and traffic conditions interfere long before the maximum capacity of the car is being utilised. Not very long ago I struck in what was then accepted as the world's fastest touring car the one really good road in France. It lasted as the world's fastest touring car the one really good road in France. It lasted for the best part of a day, and before



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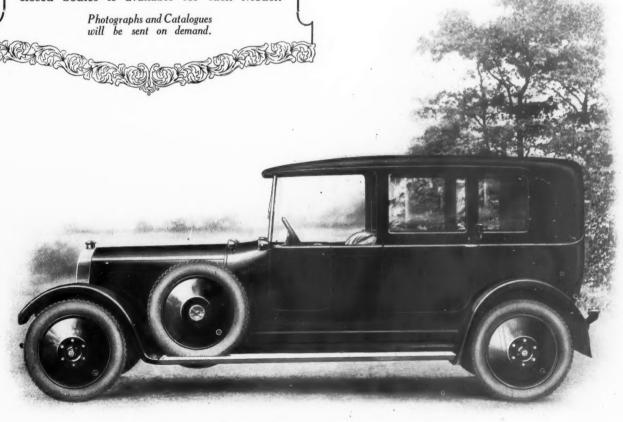
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The concensus of opinion appears to be that under normal conditions on English roads for a run of a hundred miles or more the highest practicable average speed is about 33 m.p.h. There are certain roads of exceptional character on which this figure might be exceeded, as, for instance, the Great North Road at an early hour in the morning; there are plenty of roads where it may be exceeded for a short distance, of course, but there are plenty more where an average of 5 m.p.h. less would be generous evidence of excellence of the car and skill of the

WHY FAST CARS?

All this being as it is, what is the real value of these fast "sporting cars" which are being introduced on to the market in increasing numbers? Five years ago there were only two or three of British make worthy of serious notice; to-day there are half a dozen or more. Are they mere "catch-pennies"? As the sporting car inevitably costs much more than an ordinary touring vehicle with a somewhat similar specification but considerably lower performance, is it right that the public should be induced to pay high prices for characteristics that they will not be able to employ and enjoy? The answer to these two questions is an emphatic negative, and a survey of the types of car now being sold in largest quantities will make the reasons clear.

There are four main types of car now enjoying popularity on the British market. There is the small economy or utility car, there is the medium-powered family tourer, there is the sporting car, and there is the de luxe car of high power. With a few—really few—exceptions any car belonging to any one of these classes is capable of its 50 m.p.h., which means, according to our previous reckoning, that it should be capable of an average speed of 30 m.p.h. The sporting cars and the de luxe vehicle costing in some cases as much as ten times the price of an economy car, are nearly all capable of their 70 m.p.h. or considerably more. But no car can be driven for a hundred miles or more over English roads at an average speed of more than 33 m.p.h., we have decided, so what is the use of the extra speed capacity of these sporting and high-powered cars?

CAR CAPACITY AND STYLE.

The answer lies in the style or manner of the car's performance. Set out for an ordinary hundred miles' trip with the intention of completing it in a trifle over the three hours in a car of which the maximum speed is 50 m.p.h. and then do the same journey in a car of which the maximum speed is an extra 20 m.p.h. Let both journeys take the same time and then review your impressions during the trips and your feelings at the end of them. Whether he has been driver or passenger, but especially if the former, the average mortal will look back on the run in the slower car as a period of sustained effort, and therefore very tiring, and at the end of the run he will most

probably be tired physically as well as mentally. He has felt the motion of the car all the time, he has been swung or rolled on corners, he has been jolted over pot-holes, he has even wondered once or twice if the car has been under such complete control as he could wish. By contrast the run in the faster car has been practically devoid of definite sensation. We started out, we have come back, in between we saw much pleasant country and breathed much good fresh air, but the car?—we had almost forgotten it. It simply took us out and brought us back as fresh as we had started and we never gave it a thought. This is one difference between cover-

This is one difference between covering a given distance in a given time in a slow car and in a fast car. It is what may be called the personal or human difference; but there are also the mechanical differences.

Assuming that all conditions except the cars themselves have been equal in both runs—chiefly as regards load and weather—exactly the same work has been done by the two engines. But as one engine could only haul its load at 50 m.p.h. as a supreme effort and the other could do it at 70 m.p.h., it is obvious that the first has been working much nearer the limit of its capacity all the time than has the second. The first engine has been quite heavily stressed, the second has been, comparatively, doing no real hard work at all. The occupants of the cars may not have been definitely aware of the fact but they have felt this difference, even if subconsciously, all the time. The hard work of the one engine and the comparative toying of the second have had their effect on the mentality of the car occupants.

THE MARGIN OF SAFETY.

And as with the engine, so with the chassis and the complete cars. The one chassis is intended to withstand the stresses set up by travelling at 50 m.p.h., the other is "game" for another 20 m.p.h. beyond. Not merely the engine, but the whole chassis of a car has to be designed for a given speed; put a 70 m.p.h. engine into a 50 m.p.h. chassis and disaster will follow not far behind. Suspension and steering, to mention the two most obvious details, are quite difference is transmitted to the occupants just as surely as was the difference in engine styles. The result is that the faster car gives an all-round harmony of running that the slow vehicle cannot hope to equal and the harmony is sensed and enjoyed by the occupants just as much as it is the essence of the car's existence.

And so, although the fast car may offer speed that can seldom or never be utilised on our present-day roads, it nevertheless has an adequate reason for existence. For the man to whom the only thing about a car that matters is its ability to get him there and back again without trouble and with absolute certainty the difference between the two cars is perhaps of little importance. But to the motorist to whom motoring is in itself a pleasure—and there are many such—and to whom the zest of handling a car full of life and redolent of power is a joy, the car with plenty of power to spare and yet full of refinement in its behaviour is the car for which he will always be prepared to pay as much as he can possibly afford

In addition to these mechanical and personal considerations, there is one that is a sort of combination of both. It is that the car capable of highest speeds is very much less stressed in every way than the slow vehicle, when both are driven at the same speed. It follows, therefore, that it has not only a much longer lite, but is also freer from the need for frequent adjustments and is much easier of maintenance, always, of course,

on the assumption that the two cars are to be given practically identical work to do on the road. Obviously if the fast car is driven to the limit of its capacity whenever opportunity offers, then its life is likely to be short and merry; paradoxical as it may sound in view of all the foregoing, the fast car driven continuously to the limit of its capacity is likely to have a shorter life than the slow car similarly handled.

THE HIGH POWERED AND THE SPORTS CAR.

In the foregoing remarks the fast car has been used to include both the de luxe and the sports types. What is the difference between these two? The de luxe car gets its power, its impressive performance, from the large size and power rating of its engine; it is, therefore, a big car as well as a luxurious car. It costs much money to buy and also to run, in spite of the soundness of the claim made by its makers that the true de luxe car is the true economy vehicle. The meaning of this claim is that a big de luxe car with a big engine is so seldom called upon to work near the limit of its capacity and everything about it can be so generously dimensioned for adequate strength to withstand all road shocks with an ample margin to spare that the car wears out very slowly indeed. It has a very long life very free from trouble. It, therefore, costs little in repairs and it is untailingly reliable. This is all quite true, but so is it true that the first cost of these luxurious economy cars puts them out of the reach of many people who want luxury motoring and also some who want luxury motoring.

THE APPEAL OF THE SPORTS CAR.

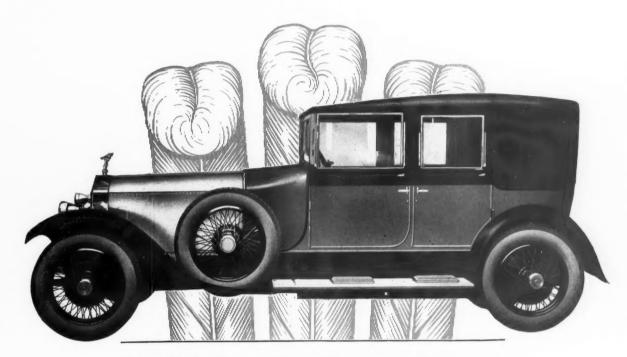
The needs of these latter are very well catered for by the modern sports car of not too low a power rating—say anything above 14 h.p.—and of reputable make. Such a car has a performance closely comparable to that of the real de luxe car and, indeed, in respect of mere speed it has no superior at all, and its purchase and running costs are but little more than those of some of the better class touring cars. It is endowed with engine power more than adequate for all emergencies, it has a high degree of controllabliity, while its road-holding and steering are generally revelations to the man who tries them for the first time. They simply have to be excellent or the whole raison d'être of the car would be defeated. Finally, for the greater part of its working life such a car is so little stressed, that is to say, there is such a great margin between what it can do and what it is actually called upon to do, that it is economical in running cost and maintenance.

Thus, it is that even the man to whom speed in itself is no great asset, may be well advised to buy the fastest car he can afford. He may never want to use anything near the ultimate speed of which the car is capable, he may be quite content to let everything else pass him on the road. But he will have a car that will put up the highest possible average speeds with the greatest comfort to him and with the greatest ease for itself. If and when he should want to do some real speed work, he may indulge his whim without fear and dread as to what will happen to his car, whether he is over-stressing it or whether it will be likely to develop into a monster he cannot properly control—no car is more easily controlled than the genuinely fast car. And nothing can give such pleasure to the keen motorist as the knowledge that he is handling a mechanical thoroughbred.

SPEED AND DANGER.

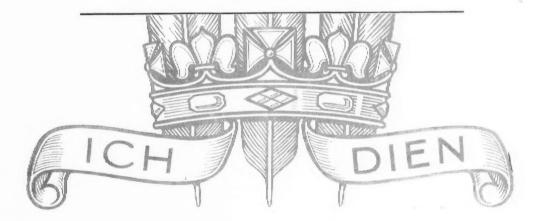
Although this is not a commentary on the ethics of fast motoring, I may add a word on the well worn topic of speed and

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danger. Just before the recent Olympia Show a letter appeared in a daily newspaper from the manufacturer of a fairly sedate and slow touring car to the effect that no one ought to be allowed to use a fast car, because such things were dangerous. The letter was clever as a publicity effort, but as argument it was childish.

ous. The letter was clever as a publicity effort, but as argument it was childish. As regards the legal aspect of the matter we may as well admit that all motoring, as now conducted in Great Britain, is illegal. No one is allowed to travel at more than 20 m.p.h. on the public highway, but every motorist does. There is no point in arguing round the simple fact that motoring is governed by laws obsolete in effect and absurd in principle.

principle.

But as regards the dangerous character of the fast car, this is merely the superstition of those who have never handled such cars. The preponderance of experienced opinion is that within limits the faster a car the safer it is, not because the possession of mere speed in itself makes for safety, although it does do this to some extent, but because the car bult for speed must also be built for exceptional controllability. And it is a commonly accepted fact that most accidents are caused, not by speed, seldom, indeed, does one read of a collision between cars in which either was even alleged to be exceeding 30 m.p.h., but by lack of controllability. It is also significant that the sports type of car is relatively, but seldom, involved in accidents. Its extra controllability and to some extent its extra liveliness, give its driver chances that the other man does not have.

Like every other good thing, of course, the fast car is open to abuse. But because a fool picks up a loaded gun in the house and "accidentally" shoots someone with it, do we say that all sporting guns are dangerous things that no one ought to be allowed to touch? Properly handled, the fast car causes the

least inconvenience to anyone on the road, it is the safest vehicle of all and none can vie with it in pleasure-giving capacity.

W. H. J.

THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HORSE.

BVIOUSLY much misconception exists among road users of all kinds about the special status of the horse on our highways. This ignorance leads to many difficult situations and because, in the case of motorists at least, the results may be unpleasant and really serious if there should be a question of a law case, it may be as well to indicate the simple facts of the matter. Unfortunately these facts are not always quite simple and straightforward, but some useful generalisations may be made.

In the first place it is not a mere matter of politeness or road courtesy to stop a car when requested to do so by anyone in charge of a horse. It is a legal obligation. Any driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle of any kind must stop his vehicle and also its engine if requested by signal or otherwise to do so by anyone in charge of a horse. Whether the driver of the mechanically propelled vehicle thinks that such a course is necessary and whether he can appreciate the motive of the horseman's request or not is quite immaterial, he must obey the signal or be prepared to accept full legal liability for whatever may happen. Even though he may think and argue that any subsequent accident was not due to his ignoring the signal, his plea is not likely to be accepted in any English court of law.

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Horses being led on the highway should be passed on the same side as the man leading them—i.e., so that he is always between the animals and other traffic. For this to be possible the horse must be led on what, for other traffic, would be the wrong side of the road.

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Some motorists are under the quite mistaken impression that when they meet led horses approaching on the near side of the road, the animals will be taken across the road to make way and when this does not happen there is often quite unjustified ill-feeling towards the horse drover.

Unfortunately this requirement that horses should be led on the "wrong" side of the road is open to many abuses. Very often it is entirely ignored and men in charge of horses may be found showing some observance to the rules that control all other traffic and making it impossible for them to be passed so that they are always between other traffic and their charges. Also, in busy city streets the movement of any such bulky thing as a horse on the wrong side of the road would obviously lead to serious confusion; the rule is tacitly disregarded so that in effect it ceases to be a rule at all and becomes a mere custom that exists as a possible cause of further complications in our already chaotic traffic system.

already chaotic traffic system.

A practical and indeed startling proof of the abuse to which the present rule is liable was afforded by a recent verdict in the coroner's court. Rounding a corner a motorist collided with a horse-drawn vehicle travelling on its wrong side of the road and was killed. In the coroner's court the horse driver was exonerated from all blame as he had a horse behind his cart and therefore was adjudged to be leading a horse and so entitled to travel on the wrong side of the road.

Less poignant, but of considerable significance is a case recently reported from West Sussex. Rounding a sharp left-hand bend a motorist found ambling towards him on the same side of the road a market gardener's cart with its driver apparently asleep on the "box." The acute bend meant that the motorist could not see the cart until within





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ten paces of it, and the fact that the off-side wheels of the cart were but 3 feet from the near side of the road, meant that only the best of violent braking could prevent an accident. Fortunately the brakes were equal to the occasion, but it was not until the car driver, having stopped the car and released the hand brake, could blow his horn, that the man on the cart became aware of his presence on the cart became aware of his presence and of the accident so narrowly averted. He then turned over to his correct side of the road and would have driven off of the road and would have driven on had he not been forcibly stopped by the car driver. In due course the latter reported the circumstances to the local police and invited their comments, and it is in the reply that he received that lies the point of the story.

This reply was to the effect that the horse and cart were on the wrong side of the road because they had just come from a house on this side. Actually the gate of the house is no less than two hundred yards from the corner! If such a distance is not regarded as enough to allow the driver of any vehicle to realise and reach his proper side of the road, are not all road users exposed to a new and very threatening danger :

"SOMETHING BETTER" IN INSTRUCTION BOOKS.

LTHOUGH there has ALTHOUGH there has been noticeable steady improvement in the instruction books published with reference to various cars during the past few years, the latest publication of the kind is literally streets ahead of anything we have yet seen. It deals with the 16-55 h.p. Daimler car, and actually succeeds in doing what all these books claim to do but generally stop at books claim to do but generally stop at the claim—to make the entire driving and maintenance of the car intelligible to the owner-driver to whom this is his

The secret of the success of this book is the brevity of its written matter and the plenty of its illustrations. Every single detail that can be illustrated is shown photographically, thus avoiding the snare of the machine drawing that few private car owners have the time, inclination or processory broughden. inclination or necessary knowledge to understand. There is no detail of the car having any interest to the normal owner-driver that is not perfectly and concisely explained. From the driver's seat to the tool box everything is shown pictorially with a few but entirely adequate words of descriptive matter. Even tyre removal and the use of the tyre pump are so treated. As an example of the style of the booklet—it contains only twenty-eight pages—this is how the lubri-cation of the back axle is treated: there is a photograph of the central portion of the axle with the differential casing and the propeller shaft universal joint, underneath is the letterpress, "Ren Remove underneath is the letterpress, "Remove filler cap A and pour in heavy Daimler gear oil until it reaches the top of the filler spout." There is nothing clever or wonderful about this, of course. It is no more and no less than the proper lubrication instruction that ought to be found in every book of the kind. But in how many is it found?

A book like this makes the driving and maintenance of a car seem simpler than they actually are instead of acting as a quite potent deterrent to the buyer, who, quite naturally, concludes that a car that cannot be explained without a mass of incomprehensible terms and drawings that by comparison make any jig-saw puzzle a recreation for a sufferer with violent headache, is a car that he

never could understand.

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And, in spite of its compactness and generosity of illustration, this book is surprisingly complete. It gives a daily routine for car inspection, which, of course, every owner will forget when he has had the car a month, but he will do so

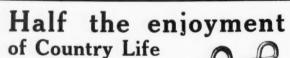
without any excuse proffered by the makers; it gives a list of jobs that should be done on certain days every week (i.e., once every week) and others once in certain months. Thus, in January, May and September the owner should empty the sump and refill with fresh oil, he should lubricate the vibration damper and refill gear-box and back axle. In February, June and October he should inspect the dynamo, grease the (chassis) springs, inspect the starter motor and oil the speedometer cable; and in March, July and November he should refill the battery, clean the petrol filter, and inspect the sparking plugs and distributor.

battery, clean the petrol filter, and inspect the sparking plugs and distributor. As evidence of the care and thought that has gone into the compilation of this booklet may be cited the job given for every Wednesday, which, as far as we are aware, is not recommended in any other car instruction book. This is, that on the first Wednesday of each month one of the road wheels should in turn be one of the road wheels should in turn be changed over with the spare so that equal wear is assured among the five tyres. There is also a plan of a typical garage approach showing what dimensions and spaces are necessary for the convenient manœuvring of one of the

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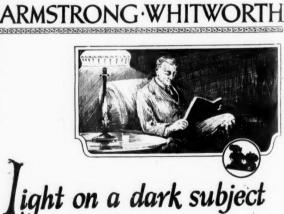
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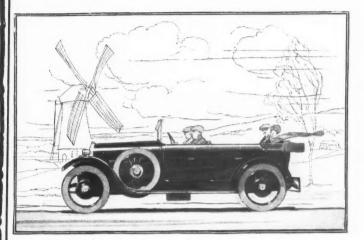
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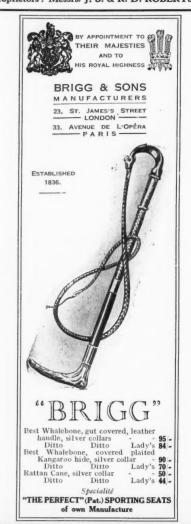
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THE WAY OF A CURLEW—AND HOW TO SHOOT HIM

URING the earlier part of the shooting season the keen wild-fowler may be puzzled at times as to how he shall profitably spend the interval between the opening of the season and the arrival of the wildfowl from abroad.

A few early mallard may have been secured during the first week or two of August, and by mid-October we may expect the grey geese to be arriving in satisfactory numbers (to be followed by plover, duck and widgeon); but what sport can be found along shore in the meanwhile?

meanwhile?

The answer is curlew shooting.

Curlews have rightly been reckoned the wariest of shore birds (in which respect they can well bear comparison with the proverbial wild goose); nevertheless, there are ways and means by which a considerable amount of sport can be got with them.

It is the habit of curlews during low water to scatter over the mud flats in small feeding parties; then as the tide flows they draw together to the higher muds, and when finally pushed out of their feeding grounds altogether by the encroaching tide, they flight off in good-sized flocks to some quiet island or promontory, where they sit in massed battalions waiting until the ebb of the tide allows them to make a return flight to their feeding grounds.

Accordingly, one of the best ways of planning out a satisfactory raid on the curlew is to find out their favourite resting place during high water, and then dig a gunning pit or construct some other suitable hiding place in which to wait in ambush until the rising tide puts them on the move.

This can generally be managed with some degree of comfort, as curlew are fond of choosing a warm, sunny, shingle bank or the sheltered side of a mud island for their siesta during the time that they are unable to feed.

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I need hardly say that whatever form of cover is selected for your ambuscade, the utmost care must be taken to make it inconspicuous and in harmony with the prevailing colour of the background. As a rule, it will not be found profitable to wait for the curlew on their feeding grounds, but good sport can sometimes be got with them as they flight over some headland. If there are more places than one which the curlew are likely to visit during high water, you should arrange, if possible, for other guns to be posted there, for by so doing the chances of sport for the whole party will be greatly increased.

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In some localities good curlew shooting can only be got for a day or two round about new moon and full moon, that is, during the spring tides, for at other times the tides are not big enough to submerge a sufficient acreage of flats, and the birds remain scattered about over the higher muds, consequently nothing effective can be done with them.

Curlew occasionally vary their habits by flighting up into the fields in search of worms, beetles, etc. When flighting across the land they fly at a good height and give the most sporting shots.

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September may be reckoned the best month for curlew shooting, besides which there is the consideration that later on in the season there are worthier fowl to pursue. In September, again, there are other shore birds to be got on the mud flats, such as whimbrel, godwits and oystercatchers, which add variety to the bag and help to fill up a thin day with curlew.

As a general rule, it will be found that the best shooting is got on a flowing tide and about an hour before high water, but it is always well to have patience and hold your ground through high water and well on into the ebb, for one can never foretell the day's luck.

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To give a single instance, one first of September I had planned a shoot on the flowing tide, having posted myself on a small mud island frequented by the curlew.

curlew.

As the tide flowed up not a single bird came to my island, and I felt almost tempted to retire in despair, but being cut off by the high water, I had perforce to wait for the tide to fall (and very fortunately as it turned out), for on the very first of the ebb the curlew turned up in good numbers circling round my hiding place, and in a few minutes' shooting I had ten of them down in the water.

While waiting in the gunning pit during high water you will at times get a chance of bagging a shell-duck, or of taking a few sporting shots at rocketing cormorants.

If you are shooting from a small island, it is advisable to have a boat standing off at some little distance to pick up birds that have fallen in the tideway, for want of which half the bag may well be lost. A good dog is most useful at times, although for this sort of shooting not at all times a convenient companion. He must be a first class water dog and under perfect control, or he will be more trouble than he is worth.

"OLD" BARRETT.

Early in the season odd curlew can be whistled up to within shot by a concealed gunner who is adept at calling them. Old Fred Barrett of Wells in Norfolk,

Old Fred Barrett of Wells in Norfolk, a well known professional wildfowler (who years ago joined the great majority), was a wonder at calling up curlew; he would actually call up the birds by using their alarm note. His modus operandi was as follows: Well hidden in a creek we would wait for flighting curlew. When a small flock appeared a clear call-note or two would attract their attention, and then with the help of a home-made tin "squeaker" the old man would start screaming like a curlew in very bad trouble, at the same time letting his handkerchief flutter just above the edge of the creek. The effect was magical. The curlew would come swooping in with stiff wings to investigate the trouble, only to be greeted with a devastating broadside. On one occasion Barrett had called up a goodly bunch of curlew, and having killed a couple, I observed the old man looking at me with considerable disappointment.

disappointment.

I said, "What's the matter, Barrett, I've got a right and left." "Don't you talk about no rightses and leftses," answered he. "Hap, yow'd shot along o'that there great ringe o' them I'd ha' looked to see fower or foive tumble, that I would indeed!"

There are also other occasions when his own curiosity or indignation will lead to the curlew's undoing. A little dog running along the muds—particularly if carrying a bird—is a pretty sure draw, but the sight of a dead relative or two bobbing in the tideway (with perhaps a winged bird screaming mournfully) is the deadliest lure for curlew that I know, and the gunner may find himself for a few moments in a very warm corner indeed, with a perfect maelstrom of birds swooping round him at all angles and paces, the chief difficulty being to load up fast enough.

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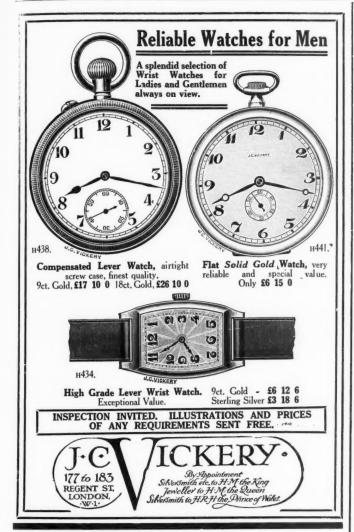
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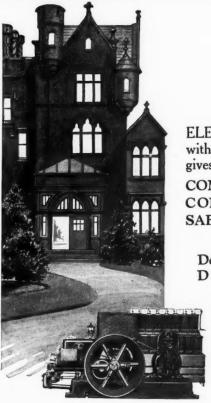
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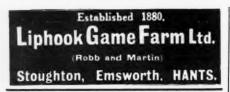
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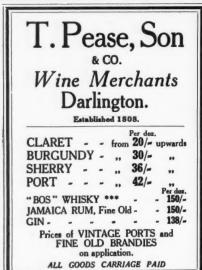
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THE DECREASE OF PARTRIDGES IN DEVON

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HOUGH my experience is of North HOUGH my experience is of North Devon, I believe this scarcity of partridges applies to the whole county, in fact, one might almost say, to most of England, for the number shot, even in those famous, highly-preserved counties on the east coast, compare unfavourably with the "bags" of former years.

Devonshire was never in the front

Devonshire was never in the front rank as regards these birds, but twentyfive years ago twenty to thirty brace were often killed in a day, and on one occasion I believe that four guns, on the Tapley estate, near Instow, got fifty-three brace, but I heard that outlying coveys had been driven on to the ground in the early morning. morning.

In present times, ten or fifteen brace are rarely shot in a day.

For this marked falling off many supposed reasons have been given, but it

supposed reasons have been given, but it is difficult to suggest a remedy.

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(2) The prevalence of small holdings which the holder seldom visits without his dog and gun.

(3) Poaching.
(4) Indiscriminate trapping, nominally for rabbits; this is very deadly to game of all sorts. I have seen every little run out of a covert with every little run out of a covert with a trap set in it a few feet out in the adjoining field—this in spite of the law against trapping in the open. It was, and indeed is still, a not uncommon occurrence to shoot a pheasant or partridge with only one leg, the other having been torn off, and doubtless many a bird is "appropriated" which the trapper finds fluttering in his trap.

(5) Clean farming. Good for the farmer, but bad for sport, as no longer are there long, rough stubble-

longer are there long, rough stubble-fields, overgrown hedge rows, clumps of gorse, or patches of bracken; all are gone, the very hedges are cut down to their roots, so the partridges find little cover and few safe nesting

Some people say that the introduction of Hungarians has done harm, as by breeding with our birds they weaken the strain and many die.

On a rough shoot of mine I have for several years each February turned down a few brace of partridges and hen pheasants, obtained from a game farm in Oxfordshire, each marked with a red rubber ring round one leg. These bred freely with the local birds, but have lately very much de-creased in numbers, due, I think, to

poaching.
Some years ago the Rashleigh Shoot, near Eggesford, was unlet, and the agent, who had the shooting over it, asked me to

who had the shooting over it, asked me to join him for September 1st and 2nd.

The "shoot" extended over 5,000 or more acres of hill and dale, very stiff walking, especially as the weather was very hot. We had no dogs, but just walked in line, the result being forty-two brace in the two days. A few years later, when I settled in North Devon, the Rashleigh shooting was offered to me, and, remembering my two good days, I took it with a friend as partner, to find that it had sadly deteriorated and that by very hard work it was as much as we could do to get six or eight brace in a day, there not being six or eight brace in a day, there not being half the number of birds there used to be, as, indeed, appears to be the case through out the county.

However, to the true sportsman, it is not so much the size of the "bag" which counts, as the difficulty with which it has been obtained, the surroundings, and the interesting incidents connected with his sport, such as an exceptionally good shot, a clever "find" by his dog, all of which add to the pleasures of the day.

SOME NORFOLK SALMON.

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SIR,—On October 15th the remains of a salmon were found on the edge of the River Yare, at Hardley Cross. There was every sign of an otter or otters having killed the fish, which was a male in milt; it had a gap at the back of the head, and a considerable quantity of flesh had been gnawed out of the back of the fish. What was left of it weighed 9lb., but when perfect it must have scaled 15lb. or 16lb. in weight. The fins had been mauled. It had evidently been killed but a few hours, as the flesh was quite fresh, although the gills had become somewhat dulled in colour.

The Norfolk rivers, even in Sir Thomas Browne's day, were not much favoured by incursions of salmon, being dull, slow and deep; yet the good doctor, while citing it as "no common fish in our rivers," mentions fifteen as taken "4 years ago [circa 1680], 15 were taken at Trowes Mill in Xmas, whose mouthes were stuck with small wormes or hors-leaches no bigger than fine threads." He refers to numerous examples being taken in the Ouse.

Among other notable occurrences are the following: New Mills, Norwich, in January, 1869, 15lb.; another of 17½lb., caught in a flooded meadow near Norwich; one, a male kelt, measuring 37ins. Other local captures are of interest, e.g., a 6-pounder which flung itself into a boat on Breydon Water in August, 1896; in June, 1912, a 12lb. fish was taken with mackerel, eighteen miles east of Yarmouth; on December 1st. 1916, a sea angler, fishing with lugworm off the beach, captured a "sick" fish, most ill-proportioned: for a length of 3oins. it was but 1oins. in girth and weighed only 6½lb. Mr. Tate Regan, to whom I forwarded the head, with a hint that it was the replica of Couch's plate of his so-called "slender salmon"—an excellent name for it—suggested that probably the fish had recently spawned, "and had not been more than a few weeks feeding and trying to get itself into condition."

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Martin, the Thetford historian, treated the salmon as plentiful at one period, but in his time no records had occurred. The Suffolk rivers appear to be even less favoured: and it is hardly to be wondered at, seeing that the local townships send down to the sea so much sewage, with its admixture of dyes, oils and acids, that so particular a fish as the salmon prefers to remain seaward, and only finds itself by accident in these rivers.—A. H. Patterson.

WOODPIGEON WISDOM.

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HOME-BRED woodpigeons appear to be very plentiful this year, and the foreign contingent will soon be coming in. Pigeons invariably settle on adjacent trees before coming down to feed, so that the best place for a "hide" from which to shoot them is somewhere between these two points, if one can find a convenient hedge or other suitable cover. Nothing is better in the way of decoys, when these are necessary, than a dead bird or two set up in life-like attitude head to wind. The golden rule is never to show yourself once you have taken up your position. Let dead birds lie where they are till you have finished, for if you show yourself everything will be spoiled. So long as they see nobody, woodpigeons will take very little notice of the sound of the gun.



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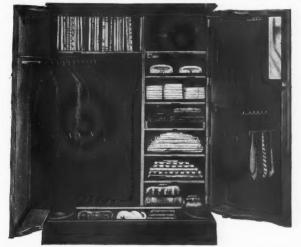
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SOME SUGGESTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED.

ARDENING as a subject or study is difficult of interpretation. Romance and sentiment undoubtedly play a great part in its composition, so much so that, in many cases, the plants themselves are overawed by the character and personality of the gardener, who places them in their respective positions. In certain aspects of gardening these sides have their uses and are to be commended, but when the object in view is to provide dazzling and beautiful artistic effects, then they must be ruthlessly cast aside for the moment. It may mean the removal of a shrub or perchance a tree, around which has grown up a web of romance; or, again, it may involve the clearing out of a particular corner of the garden which has a certain sentimental value attached to it, but, nevertheless, such must be undertaken if the desired effects are to be obtained.

There are many points to be considered where lasting effects are aimed at. The light and shade in the garden should be made full use of and due attention given to the inmates planted on the eastern and western sides of the garden. Many plants look their best when caught by the quickly fleeting rays of

on the eastern and western sides of the garden. Many plants look their best when caught by the quickly fleeting rays of the early morning sun, while others, embracing the majority of our beautiful autumn-tinted and berried shrubs and trees, take on their most brilliant hues when touched by the slanting and almost magic beams of the setting sun. It is in such periods when the keen gardener realises how much depends on the position of his shrubs so as to obtain these indescribably beautiful scenes. The play of light and shade is wonderful, as one by one the shrubs receive their share of the waning glow and then merge into the darker background, which serves to throw up in relief those in the front rank, and, at the same time, provides a striking contrast in colour. Lengthening shadows are everywhere apparent as the bold outlines and individuality of each particular shrub sinks into a mellow mass of gorgeous autumnal tints. Many plants require such a position to bring out their latent beauty.

Rhododendrons and azaleas look their best when caught in semi-shade by slanting light. The tracery of their branches and twigs is shown up to distinct advantage, while the apparent transparency of their flowers dangling on graceful stems is a sight not soon forgotten. So it is with the majority of our shrubs and ornamental trees, whether they be deciduous or evergreen. The habit of the plant must always be considered with reference to the position it is to occupy, having regard at the same time to its neighbours.



PYRUS SARGENTI, EFFECTIVE BOTH IN FLOWER AND FRUIT.

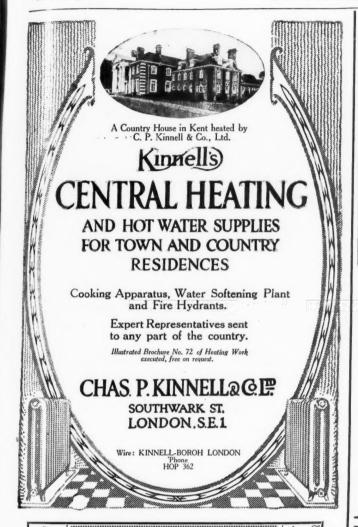
It should be borne in mind at planting time that a plant has individuality, and unless that be given full play, the results will not be so successful as they otherwise might be. As the architect has to give care and consideration to the placing of certain features to lend beauty and stateliness to the building, so must the gardener give thought to the planting of shrubs and trees to beautify and adorn the landscape of the garden. Too often is the shrubbery border dull, monotonous and uninteresting —in no manner due to the actual inmates—but solely to their arrangement. No rigid rules or methods can be laid down as to placing and arrangement. These differ according to the nature of the plants employed, and different styles have to be fashioned to suit the varieties used in the general scheme. Not a few shrubs, such as heaths and rhododendrons, and, in our trees, the hawthorns and cherries, appear their best when planted in the mass or in rows, as is the case with the majority of herbaceous plants, especially when situated in a border. Others, however, must be given sufficient space to bring out their beauty of outline and individual characteristics. Heavy foliage shrubs are generally more suited to form a background. They give a solidity to the general lay-out which is most desirable, and enhance the landscape considerably. As in the herbaceous border, so in the shrubbery, aim at establishing equilibrium and balance between individuals. Proportion is important when planting, and although it is at all times desir-

though it is at all times desirable to have completeness, be careful not to overcrowd. Overcrowding not only produces unsightly effects, but ultimately leads to unhealthy conditions and straggly growth. The more simple the arrangement, the more beautiful will be the effects. Harsh lines should be avoided and rather aim at obtaining a softness of line and tone, which brings charm to the whole. A shrubbery to be really effective must be uniform in its composition. Do not plant strong, vigorously growing shrubs alongside others which are known to be of less rapid growth and of weaker constitution. It is simply asking for trouble.

There are a number of other points to which attention should be given at this time of renovation and the planting and trying-out of new shrubs. These are questions relating to the character of the plant—(I) the period of flowering and the colour of the flowers, and whether borne in rounded clusters or in long, pendulous racemes: (2) whether it be



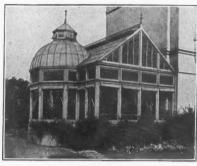
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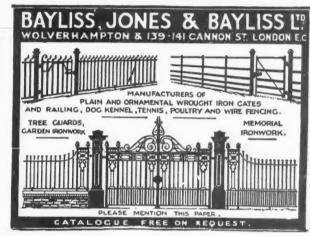
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evergreen or deciduous; (3) the nature of the foliage, whether it be large or small and also its colour; (4) its value in autumn, either from the point of view of its fruit or foliage and whether tit is likely to enhance the general display by its inclusion and tone with its surroundings or otherwise; (5) its ultimate height and nature of its growth; (6) whether it requires the shelter of a wall, or is hardy in the particular district where the garden is districted and large the shelter of the still which it is the form. situated; and lastly (7) the soil which it prefers. In connection with this latter point it should be remembered that soil is not necessarily the same all over the garden.

These points come to mind, but there are many others of minor importance. Each of the above should be carefully gone

into and the position selected for the plant, when decided upon, which will enable it to display its wares to the best advantage, at the same time fitting in with and contributing something to the general scheme. Contrast in every way should be aimed at. It avoids monotony at all seasons. Select plants which flower at different periods, thus extending the display over the greater part of the year. Choose a few shrubs which lend colour and brightness in the autumn months when flowers are scarce. With these few injunctions carried out, the effects will be increasingly appreciated as the years go by.

SHRUBS FOR AUTUMN BERRIES AND SPRING FLOWERING

With the great number of varieties and species of shrubs in fairly general cultivation, there is little difficulty in making a collection which will give colour or interest of berries, flower or foliage the year round.

There is one fact about making a collection of shrubs and small trees that is not realised as much as it should be: that small trees that is not realised as much as it should be. that the number of shrubs which are beautiful both in spring and autumn is rapidly increasing. They might be called dual purpose shrubs. They are invaluable for every garden, and particularly in those where the area is limited.

There are a number of genera which give us dual purpose shrubs. One of the most useful is the berberis. Here are a few species which give abundance of rellow flowers in the spring

shrubs. One of the most useful is the berberis. Here are a few species which give abundance of yellow flowers in the spring or early summer, and orange, red or black fruits in the autumn. In addition, many of them colour well in their foliage. Berberis polyantha, deciduous, vigorous and inclined to coarseness, will grow up to roft. Flowers in panicles during June and July, fruit red. B. Thunbergii, deciduous, neat close habit, flowers yellow flushed with red not very showy, berries bright red, foliage turns the most fiery red in autumn. B. vulgaris, the common barberry, deciduous, and quite one of the best, yellow flowers in short racemes and brilliant red fruits. B. Wilsonæ and its seedlings, deciduous, small and neat growing, very floriferous, masses of coral red berries, leaves turn a good colour. B. verruculosa, evergreen, sturdy and low growing, flowers golden, berries black with a blue bloom on them. There are also numerous hybrids, such as Fireflame, which are as good, are also numerous hybrids, such as Fireflame, which are as good,

if not better, than the species.

Although the cotoneasters are not very showy in flower, yet they are all graceful in growth. Among the best for flowering and fruiting are C. divaricata, a Chinese species, deciduous, small leaves, flowers in threes, rose in colour, fruits egg-shaped, bright red. C. frigida, deciduous, tall growing, flowers white and small produced in corymbs, fruits in clusters a very bright red. C. buxifolia, evergreen, with long arching stems, white flowers in clusters, red berries.

Among the most useful of all shrubs are the sumachs, or rhus. Two species are invaluable. One, Rhus cotinoides, grows into a small tree, the flowers are insignificant, but the young foliage is charming in spring and colours as well as any shrub in the garden, turning to scarlet and claret. R. cotinus is more bushy, and as well as having delicate foliage in the spring, it is covered with a feathery inflorescence in July, which gives it its name of the smoke bush.

We must not leave out Ribes sanguineum and its varieties. The flowering currant is one of the joys of many a garden during the spring; in fact, its flowering qualities are such that we sometimes forget the handsome black currants in the autumn

Many of the rose species are nearly as handsome when covered with hips in the autumn as they are in the late spring when in full flower. As a start I would suggest Rosa Hugonis, when in full flower. As a start I would suggest Rosa Hugonis, a bush of rounded habit with yellow flowers and very dark red fruit; and R. Moyesii, of erect and sturdy habit with flowers of a pale claret and rich red bottle-shaped fruits.

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Of dual purpose viburnums we should choose V. opulus (not sterile), which, though not so showy in flower, is magnificent in the autumn tints of its foliage and its bright red fruits; V. molle, a deciduous shrub that is not too common, with white flowers produced in cymes and blue fruit; and V. tomentosum, with red fruits turning to black. It must be remembered that I am only mentioning plants which have some effect in the autumn, and so the sterile forms are left out.

As a wall shrup Purseantha receives and its variety I alendoi.

As a wall shrub Pyracantha coccinea and its variety Lalandei are important. Although the white flowers are small, they are very freely borne in late May. The former has coral red berries and the latter orange. The berries are magnificent in the autumn. and the latter orange. The berries are magnificent in the autumn. Another useful wall shrub is Cydonia japonica and its varieties. The flowering period is prolonged for many months; the flowers are large, while the stalkless apple-like fruit is fragrant, yellowish green speckled with dots.

The pyrus, including the sorbus, are among the most useful trees in our gardens. Practically all the malus, or crab apples,

whether varieties like the Dartmouth, John Downie and Pyrus Eleyi, or species like P. Sargenti or P. theifera, are fine both in flower and in fruit. P. Sargenti is the smallest in grow h, rarely exceeding 5ft., and so is useful in small gardens. The mountain ashes, varieties of P. aucuparia, are also invaluable. There are a number of forms in the market. They are all graceful in health and heartiful in flower and fruit. Another close relative There are a number of forms in the market.

In habit and beautiful in flower and fruit.

Another close relative is P. Vilmorinii, which has long branches and in form is one of the most graceful shrubs in our gardens. Mention must be made of the cherries, although here again some of the best from the flowering point of view must be left out because they bear little or no fruit. Of those which do P. avium, the old-fashioned gean, is always a favourite, as is P. Padus, the bird cherry.

GARDENING NOTES OF THE WEEK

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THIS Exhibition, which opened at Holland Park Rink on Friday last and which comes to a close on November 7th, ought to be visited by all who take even a passing interest in fruit cultivation. Within the last five years, since the date of its inauguration, success has been added to success, and already it stands out as an event of some importance in the horticultural world. This year the display has surpassed all previous efforts, and the promoters are to be congratulated on the high standard of excellence which has been attained within so short a time. That such shows play an important part in educating and moulding public taste and opinion is unquestioned. One has only to reflect on the ever-increasing popularity of all kinds of fruit as articles of diet to see the indirect effect of such exhibitions.

The Show itself consists largely of apples. The entries, totalling over seven hundred, come from all parts of the mother-country and the Dominions, Canada, Australia and South Africa. The colonial fruit, as represented by the magnificent display of apples from Canada, is of a very high order and reflects great credit on the fruit industry in general in Canada. One cannot but notice that Canada goes in for the growing of red-cheeked varieties, and the radiant appearance of the Canadian tables owes not a little to this factor, as well as to the quantity which are staged. In quality, the home exhibits, ranging from south to north, rank as high, if not higher, than those from the Dominions; but comparisons are invidious, more especially considering the friendly rivalry which exists between Great Britain and her colonies. The enormous improvements which have taken place in the grading and packing of apples is clearly evident from the numerous displays of packed fruit, whether in bushel baskets or in boxes. The value and importance of these two closely associated items would appear to lie in the finished, attractive appearance which is presented to the public. As the Right Hon. E. F. L. Wood

IN the herbaceous border flowers of golden hues are invaluable; many can be found of every shade of yellow. These vary in height from the low-growing alyssum, which blooms in early spring, to the tall sunflowers, which brighten the border in August and September. Among the true herbaceous subjects there are coreopsis, helianthus, heleniums, gaillardias, anthemis, and these, together with annuals, tuberous and bulbous rooted plants, etc., such as tiger lilies, hemerocallis, alstræmerias, eschscholtzias, Cheiranthus Allionii, French and African marigolds and zinnias, give a selection of plants suitable for all positions and seasons of flowering. Anthemis tinctoria, Buxton's var., has graceful sprays of yellow flowers attaining a height of 3½ft. The blanket flower is very useful both for cutting and in the border. Heleniums, with their dark centres and discs of black and bronze, are some of the most effective of yellow flowers. H. aurantiacum is one of the earliest to flower; H. Hooperi is a deep orange yellow; and H. autumnale Riverton Beauty has lemon yellow blooms. The sunflowers (helianthus) are excellent for the back of the border. The varieties Golden Ball, Lodden Gold, Miss Mellish and a fine new sort called Monarch, with large deep orange flowers, are a few of the best.

PREPARATIONS for the all-important work of protecting tender shrubs during the coming winter months should be made quite soon in order to be in readiness for any sudden drop in the temperature. It is not continued cold which is harmful to plants, but alternate freezing and thawing. Cold biting winds in the early spring also do considerable damage: the soil becomes parched and dry, and the roots, consequently are injured. Protection can be given by mulches of bracken or dry leaves, thatching with straw, forming shelters of branches, mats or hurdles, or by surrounding the shrubs with wire netting and filling up the cavity inside with leaves.

ROSES in a cool greenhouse, either as climbers or as pot plants, are a great asset. They flower at a time when other roses are scarce, and even with a small amount of care give masses of fragrant blooms unspoilt by the ravages of the weather. Roses of all types flourish in a greenhouse—hybrid teas, teas, noisettes and dwarf polyantha being equally suitable. A few of the best varieties for pot culture are Ophelia, Mme. Abel Chatenay, Mme. Butterfly, Lady Pirrie, W. F. Dreer, Caroline Testout, Mrs. Foley Hobbs and Lady Hillingdon.





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DRESS FOR SWISS SPORTS

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HE great wheel of life, social and otherwise, goes turning round, the advent of winter bringing us once more face to face with the Swiss sports. That these are the Swiss sports. That these are growing in popularity every year is due to many reasons. A more healthy, invigorating, natural way of making holiday it would be difficult to find; the most punctilious dropping off their mantle of aloofness, and becoming one with nature in an easy and joyous give-and-take.

Naturally, there are cliques at the smarter representative centres. Where, indeed, are there not cliques? No single social venue is exempt from them, and probably there are quite good reasons why certain birds of a feather should flock together. It is not by any means always

why certain binds of a feather should note together. It is not by any means always a matter of "frills," as the saying goes. Frequently, rather, it is a question of expertness. In all sports the expert has to be reckoned with sooner or later, no matter from where he or she has sprnng. There is a comparative among the There is a camaraderie among the skilled that breaks the ice of social distinctions.

distinctions.

Of course, a new-comer, with a friendly backing, has unquestionably a better time of it among the Swiss sporting fraternity than have those who go boldly out on their own, and a sympathetic interest accorded the beginner in ski-ing, tobogganing and lugeing is an assistance that is very welcome. Albeit, they have to be left behind on a long day's excursion, until such time as they are proficient.

However, taking one consideration with another, Swiss sports take a lot of beating. They have an allure all their own, and, with the spreading of foot-and-

mouth disease, it rather looks as if the hunting folk, faute de mieux, will have to mieux, will have to fall back upon this form of sport. A sorry alternative, per-haps, from their point

THE SETTLED CHARACTER OF DRESS.

In this, the practical and comfortable have swept away all stupid conventions, men, women and children dressing almost identically in divided nether garments breaker are ments — breeches or trousers — and short, buttoned - up - to - the-neck, belted coats. Garments, then, that are built of snow-resisting, thoroughly waterproof and nonwaterproof and non-heating materials, and are warm and yet light of weight. Fabrics for winter sports wear must be as impervious to heat as to cold, a fact that speaks for itself as to their texture.



A graceful ski-ing outfit, in which a longish coat and a short adjustable double-apron skirt which may be worn or not as fancy dictates, play a distinguished part.



In showerproof gabardine this hip-length coat has double-breasted front and high close-fitting collar, and trousers tucking into the socks are exemplified.

For ski-ing, certainly, it is really imperative to avoid anything in the form of knitted wear, other than, perhaps, a scarf, though that is frankly superfluous with but-toned collared coats. The best of wool is absorbent, a quality which must result in damp and clamminess, if not worse.

As significant as anything of the hold

anything of the hold Swiss sports have got, is the marked atten-tion accorded outfits of a number of the large establishments, special salons being set apart to their service and displays held as the season apthe proaches

Well betimes, this year, was the house of Burberry, Haymarket, a firm exception-ally well equipped with their own exclusive materials highly suitable to the purpose. Their world - famed gabardine has a reputation of thirty years use by Arctic and Antartic explorers, and this, in a measure, has been improved upon

for Swiss sports in Burella, an admirable fabric that fulfils all the above-mentioned requirements, and which is offered in an almost bewildering array of self colours and checks. Much artistic play, as might be supposed, is made with the two.

It was no easy task to make selection out of the wide choice here, but eventually the palm fell to a model that comprised

the palm fell to a model that comprised breeches of this favourite tangerine orange Burella and short military coat of the same material in black, piped with the orange. This, completed by an orange cap, reminding one of a flying helmet, and orange mits, is at once singularly smart and yet wholly practical.

To return to the pictured example. The expanding pockets in the coat are a feature, being handy receptacles for that midday lunch of sandwiches and possibly a change of socks, handkerchief, and so forth. The mention of socks, though brings the reminder how all the socks sold by Burberry are made of sturdy goat's hair, that is as impervious to snow as the material used for the suit.

For skating, there have been designed

For skating, there have been designed several excellent models, notably one with bloomers that allow perfect freedom and ease of movement for the exploiting of the most intricate figures

OLDER SPORTSWOMEN.

Pity, indeed, the poor chaperone, who for some one reason or another, does not participate in the sports. Fortunately, there are few of these dames, since the majority wisely do what they can, the skating rink being the most favoured rendezvous. All the same, their neger have not been altogether ignored longer have not been altogether ignored, longer coats being supplied with ski-ing suits,

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or else a short, adjustable skirt over that can be worn or not, breeches.

breeches, that can be worn or not, according to taste and expediency.

This last accessory figures in an excellent model brought out by Harrods, Brompton Road, and is no other than an

apron back and front, so really no serious encumbrance, adding a certain feminine note without marring the practicability.

The material employed is proofed gabardine, in a real rust shade. The coat, on glorified Norfolk lines, mounted on a neat fitting poke is particularly comforts. neat fitting yoke, is particularly comfortable. It is finished with a becoming scarf

able. It is finished with a becoming scarf collar and lined throughout with water-proof silk, the sleeves having wind cuffs.

Important details in the breeches are a double seat and double knees. The cost, 12½ guineas, which includes the apron skirt, is far too reasonable to be lightly passed over. In a material equally impervious to weather, called Egyptian cloth, there are suits of breeches and coats, the latter again lined with silk, ranging in price from 6½ guineas.

PERFECT TAILORING.

It is always illuminative to meet an individual view on any question. It keeps the mind open and makes for progress, a reflection, this, that one made after visiting Aquascutum, Regent Street, people who are distinctly individualists.

The materials they employ are their own, proofed by a special process, that is unsurpassed. Then they are sticklers for cut, fit and fine tailoring, and consequently prefer to make their Swiss sports suits to order, claiming that thereby they can ensure perfection, besides meeting their clients' taste in colour and any small detail.

That is their point of view, and it is a sound one, which is exem-plified in a ski-ing suit of shower-proof, neutral-toned gabardine. In this case trousers are favoured, together with a hip length coat, that closes with double-breasted fronts to meet a high, close-fitting collar. This coat is lined with checked wool. Made and fitted immaculately, as it would be at this establishment, there is nothing to fault in such a design, nor yet the many others built of the like weatherproof fabrics, including the well known Aquascutum cloth.

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE LEATHER.

Our arbiters of fashions have been disposed of late to smile most graciously on leather, embodying it

in their dress schemes in diverse original ways. As a trimming it has been used plain, tooled, embossed, gilded and silvered, in voyant colours and sombre hues, brightly varnished and dull, now easily soaring to the front for the extremely modish short coat in suède.

This soft, velvety pelt of the gentle gazelle, has caught and arrested the eye of the well dressed woman. Not to possess one of these charming little coats is to account oneself outside the realms of the

really well turned out.

Taking a lead in this regard, as in so many others pertaining to soft goods, are Fortnum and Mason, Piccadilly. The expansion of this establishment, apart from the well known comestibles, may be sately described as the talk of London. It is little short of a revelation, and is in the safe hands of those well in the know, who are proving, in many instances, to have been pioneers.

have been pioneers.

The firm have a monopoly of a certain grade of English leather, that they have tested and found to meet their full approval. It is of this the smart little belted coat illustrated is built, in a warm fawn shade. A representative example this of irreproachable cut and tailoring, that, lined with silk, upholds the firm's policy of moderate prices at 71 guineas. The of moderate prices at $7\frac{1}{2}$ guineas. The same model can be had in bottle green, blue, wine, as well as various gradations

WATERPROOF AND WASHABLE LEATHER.

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Absolutely wind and rain proof, the skins are put through some chemical process, which makes it possible for them to be washed with impunity. When



A suggestion of military smartness marks out this scheme embodied in Burella, tangerine orange for the breeches, the short, neat coat in black piped with the orange shade.



A short leather-belted coat carried out in a delectable shade of warm fawn suède.

the coat, jumper or whatever it is, becomes soiled, it merely requires to be plunged into Lux and water to be restored to its pristine freshness, and without losing any of its qualities.

of its qualities.

Needless to say, this firm is doing a big business in the modish short suivde coat, which they are able to offer in no less than thirty different colours, including all the new greens, blues, wine shades and mauves. In addition, there is everything pertaining to leather goods, from cushions to strong motoring coats that range in price from 4½ guineas.

A NAME SECOND TO NONE.

At the very outset of motoring—now how many years ago, Dunhill's of Conduit Street entered promptly into the perplexing problem of suitable attire, and so gained a position that they

have held ever since. Stepping with the times, they have, of course, had to scrap many of their earliest inspira-tions to meet modern demands, but from the first they were firm believers in leather, and their leather motoring

coats have no compeers in the land.

A three-quarter length belted
Raglan in suède is ideal for race meetings in cold weather, while for town and more general service, there are short coats of suède and soft glacé

The example pictured is of the latter, an especially *chic* model, with a straight back, cut with little pattes at the sides, to which a belt is attached that fastens in front. A lining of cashmere affords a delight-fully cosy feeling, and, like the silk sleeve lining, is always in tone with the leather.

Dunhill's are making quite a number of Swiss sports suits of leather, with breeches and putties.

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE SWISS OUTFIT.

In addition to practical garments for the beloved sports, there are other clothes that are necessary, such as the easy frock, to slip into at the end of a perfect day, for those wonderful teas and possibly an impromptu dance between that meal and dinner. And woe betide those who forget a fancy dress

fancy dress.

The rink carnivals, also, are an outstanding feature, events that often tax to the utmost the resources of those who wish to dress up and keep warm at the same time, for when the sun goes down the difference in the atmosphere is most marked, and makes the inclusion of an all-fur or fur-lined wrap imperative. L. M. M. fur-lined wrap imperative.





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OF USE AND INTEREST

FOR THE GARDENER.

HE one thing which no gardener, be he amateur or professional, the owner of a few feet in Kensington or acres in the country, can ever have too much of is the catalogue in which the best nurserymen offer their wares. Superficially to some extent alike, and remarkable in many cases for their cultural notes, there are yet essential differences between catalogue and catalogue, so marked to the gardener's eye that a good store of them is never to him a sore. As a case in point, take that issued by Messrs. R. Wallace and Co., Limited, The Old Gardens, Tunbridge Wells; Wallace's and Irises are two words connected in every gardener's mind, and the modest catalogue issued by that firm makes entrancing reading for every iris lover. Its contents are divided into Irises of Recent Introduction, April-flowering Irises, May-flowering Irises, June-flowering Irises, Iris sibirica, Californian Irises, Japanese Irises and so forth, the descriptions are clear and the height given in most cases. A companion book from the same firm, "Lilies and Other Bulbs," will fill the gardener's heart with covetousness, so entrancing are the descriptions of many of the lilies which Messrs. Wallace have to offer. From Messrs. Joseph Pennell and Sons, of Lincoln, we have received a fully illustrated catalogue of hardy fruits, ornamental trees, flowering shrubs, and evergreens, with a second, smaller catalogue dealing with roses, clematis and various climbing plants. A glance through its pages shows in particular some excellent varieties of lilacs (syringa), buddleias, azaleas and hibiscus, but the catalogue is a very full one, well worth consideration, especially at this time of the year, when alterations in the lay-out of the garden are more generally under consideration, often lead to the purchase of new shrubs. Hardy plants are the subjects of an exceptionally useful catalogue received from Messrs. Perry of Enfield, Middlesex, which will be valued by many gardeners for its pages devoted to ferns, both hardy British and exotic varieties. An exc existed, he could hardly and any one production more likely to cover all his needs. Finally, an announcement interesting to gardening readers is that Mr. William Kelway, only son of Mr. James Kelway (1815-88), who founded the firm of Kelway and Son, of Langport, Somerset, has decided, being now eighty-five years of age, to end his seventy years connection with the business. The partnership between Mr. William Kelway and his eldest son, Mr. James Kelway, is, therefore, dissolved, but the business will be carried on under the same style and at the same address as before. address as before

GAS AND CLEANER CITIES.

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There is probably no British industry which is at present carried on with better organisation for producing the best results for all concerned, whether as consumers or workers, than the gas industry. If evidence of this were needed, the success of the fourteenth annual conference of the British Commercial Gas Association, held at Plymouth in October, might be cited with conviction. The presidential address was delivered by Mr. J. H. Ellis. Though in the main directed to the consideration of those actually engaged in the industry, it had also a wider appeal. His remarks as to the public benefits conferred by gas were very interesting. "What public service," he asked, "is so beneficial as, or appeals to us with greater force, than helping to relieve our towns from the dirt which wastes our substance, impairs the beauty and accelerates the decay of our monuments and buildings, and, by shutting out the sun, spreads disease and death among children and the weak and helpless?" These remarks were fully substantiated by Dr. Saleeby, who said, "Dependent upon coal as we were, how could we escape the smoke which resulted from burning it? The true answer was by ceasing to burn it—by resolving it, in fact, by the process of carbonisation, into other fuels and all the chemicals that coal would yield us. Inventors had tried to solve this problem in terms of burning coal, but, valuable as such devices admittedly were in some cases, there was no real and ultimate solution in automatic stokers, powdered coal or apparatus designed for catching and consuming smoke." Continuing, Dr. Saleeby said, "Some industries would complain that they could not carry on without burning coal and making smoke. But that was false. He had seen it for himself in a recent visit to the Rhineland where the Germans made everything our cities made except the smoke and rickets."

BREEDING SILVER FOXES.

A good many people are feeling that if they knew how to obtain silver foxes and something of the conditions necessary to their successful rearing for fur production, the career of a fur breeder might prove a very attractive one to them. We have received a booklet, "Silver Fox Farming," by Beatrice Cafferata, which gives much useful information on the subject. Enquiries regarding it should be addressed to Miss Cafferata, c.o. Midland Bank, George Street, Richmond, Surrey.

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INTERESTING TO GOLFERS.

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Golf club committees and, in fact, everyone who takes the game seriously must be interested in a booklet, "The 'Pattisson' Golf Patents," issued by Messrs. H. Pattisson and Co., 4-6, Greyhound Lane, Streatham, S.W.16. It seems to cover, with useful illustrations and full particulars of sizes and prices, everything that can possibly be required for the upkeep of golf courses, from horse boots to bamboo sweepers, from turf-cutting machines to practice balls. To turn over its pages is to be impressed first of all by the number of implements offered of which one had never even heard, and then by the extraordinary usefulness of most of them and their excellent adaptation to their specific purposes. specific purposes.

WINTER HOLIDAYS IN THE SAHARA.

To start from London or Paris, be able to spend ten days in the sunshine of the Sahara, and be back within a fortnight, is one of the attractive programmes suggested by the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique in their booklet of North African Motor Tours. This particular tour is that to the Oasis of Figuig, over four hundred miles south of Oran. The African section of the journey is done by train in perfect comfort, with dining and sleeping cars, and there is a choice of three different routes. This is only one of a number of such tours, to Algeria, Tunisia, French Morocco and the Desert, described very fully in an interesting booklet entitled "The Magic of Islam," which will be sent on request from 22, Pall Mall, S.W.I.

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Every day sees its numbers of new converts to the pleasures of radio, but whether one is a beginner or not there is help to be got by looking through the new and neat little booklet of the General Radio Company. It describes fully the 1926 range of loud-speakers, headphones, transformers and other components, including a variable condenser of new design. The booklet is attractively produced and well arranged, and may be obtained through wireless stores or from Radio House, 235, Regent Street, London, W.I. An illustration is given of the loud-speakers with "cast-in" diaphragms, which are arousing a good deal of attention.

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